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Matthai Willing To Consider

STRINGENT CONTROL OVER SPENDING

Finance Minister Wants Foreign Capital

NEW DELHI, March 23. (PTI):

PARLIAMENT today referred the Finance Bill to a Select Committee.

The Finance Minister, Dr. John Matthai, replying to the two-day debate, said that there was no case for granting any further relief to assessees upto a limit of Rs 10,000 a year. In view, however, of the feelings of members he was prepared to co-operate with the Select Committee in trying to find a solution".

The Finance Minister told the House that so long as he had anything to do with the Finance Ministry, there would be no further reductions in the level of direct taxation except such minor adjustments as circumstances might call for from time to time.

"Those who are affected by direct taxation will do well to adjust themselves to this level of taxation and settle down to it".

The Finance Minister announced amidst cheers that he had instructed his officers that no proposal for the purchase of a staff car would hereafter be entertained till it had obtained his personal approval. He had also directed that no deputations or delegations to foreign countries, either official or non-official would be approved until the proposal had been seen personally by him and reported to the cabinet for confirmation.

FOREIGN CAPITAL

Replying to Mr. B. Das, who seemed opposed fundamentally to the utilisation of foreign capital, Dr. Matthai said: "We are really in a very tight position and if your own capital market is stagnant and you have got very big developmental projects in hand, it does not seem to me that we should be able to make any progress unless we are prepared to welcome and induce foreign capital into the country".

Dr. Matthai said that the best way to avoid economic dictatorship and revolution in this country would be to make the best possible use of the "remnants of the productive equipment you have at present and see that you are able to establish a certain amount of stability, where the work of reconstruction may be taken in hand".

Replying to criticisms that the States were not treated fairly by the Centre, Dr. Matthai said that for 1950-51 a total amount of Rs. 111 crores was being set apart for the benefit of the States in a year of extreme stringency. That was a matter over which he deserved a little more credit than he had got. (Cheers).

He strongly set his face against suggestions that the distinction between earned and unearned income should be maintained. He was prepared to fight the matter to the "bitter end".

LISTEN TO SPEECHES

During today's debate Mr. B. Das (Orissa) asked the Finance Minister to pay more attention to suggestions made in the House than to "speeches made at the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industries meeting in the Gilded Halls of Imperial Hotel". Several speakers demanded that cottage industries should be developed on a countrywide scale.

Dr. Matthai said that the development of large-scale industries and cottage industries must go hand in hand. Particular care had to be taken to avoid "sweated labour" in cottage industries.

15 Steamers To Evacuate E. Bengal Refugees

CALCUTTA, March 23, (PTI): The West Bengal Premier, Dr. B. C. Roy, told the State Assembly today that Government were making arrangements to send fifteen steamers to evacuate the 14,000 refugees, who were now waiting at Chandpur, Narayanganj, Barisal and Khulna steamer stations for passage to West Bengal.

KAREN BOATS CAPSIZE

Many Lives Lost

RANGOON, March 23 (PTI-Reuter) Government forces capsized the boats of Karen insurgents trying to cross the Irrawaddy River at Maubin township, an official announcement claimed today.

The insurgents lost many lives and all their arms, the announcement said.

It added that Karens were sniping at river boats on the Irrawaddy delta. Their victims included three women passengers injured.

Government forces also claimed the repulse with heavy casualties of a Karen assault on the delta town of Danyubyu.

CLEANLINESS DRIVE: "Anti-fly" and "cleanliness" fortnights will be observed twice a year in the Punjab. These fortnights are to be oserved in every town and village of the State in March and October.

CAMPAIGN OF LIES

NEW DELHI, March 23. (PTI): The Government of India have urged upon the Pakistan Government to stop "imaginary accounts of incidents in Calcutta being broadcast by the Dacca Radio."

According to official circles here, in recent weeks the radio in East Pakistan has been putting out such news on the air as alleged destruction of all mosques from Beliaghata to Bagmari in Calcutta and "genocide of Muslims in the area".

These allegations, it is asserted, are entirely without any foundation.

MUSLIMS IN KASHMIR TREATED WELL

Pakistan Allegations Described Baseless

NEW DELHI, March 23 (PTI): The Pakistan Deputy Foreign Minister's statement on the floor of the Pakistan Parliament, alleging excesses against Muslims in Kashmir is officially described in New Delhi as "entirely imaginary and without foundation".

These allegations, it is stated, follow the familiar line of Pakistan propaganda, but what is considered surprising is that the Pakistan Deputy Foreign Minister should have lent his name to statements, which he must have known to be completely false, that Pakistan prisoners in a camp in India have been ill-treated. The fact according to these official sources is that mission consisting of two Pakistan military officers and a Red Cross official have paid regular visits to the camp and have never even once made any complaint of any sort of ill-treatment of these prisoners. Foreign observers who have visited Kashmir, are also said to have borne testimony to the exemplary conduct of Indian troops in the State.

Karachi Clash

KARACHI, March 23 (UPI): Six persons were injured when two rival parties clashed yesterday with knives and lathis in a small refugee colony near the Pakistan Government Secretariat.

Police rushed to the scene and brought the situation under control. Investigations are in progress.

GRANDIOSE PLANS ON EUROPEAN MODEL WON'T IMPROVE ECONOMY

Prof. Bernal Advises India To Exploit Indigenous Resources

LONDON, March 23 (PTI-Reuter).

A VERY critical analysis of the handicaps in the way of scientific and industrial development in India was made at a press conference here today by Prof. J. D. Bernal one of Britain's leading scientists who recently attended the Indian Science Congress at Poona.

Prof. Bernal's statement at a Moscow Peace Conference alleging misuse of science for war purposes lost him his seat recently on the Council of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

Prof. Bernal said that in recent times India was making big efforts both at the Centre and in the Provinces to develop scientific and industrial research through a number of national laboratories.

But lack of equipment too much leaning on European methods without proper appreciation of local conditions and resources and lack of encouragement from private industries, who were either not rich enough or farsighted enough to embark on longterm research programmes, were handicapping progress in scientific advancement.

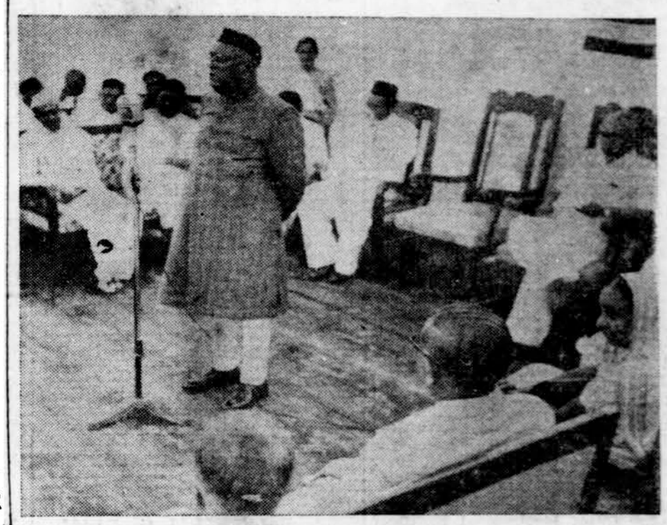
BIGGEST TRAGEDY

The biggest tragedy of British administration of India, said Prof. Bernal, was that no effort was made to exploit the resources of the country to build up any large-scale national industries. He made an exception in the case of the Tata industries as a unique example in India of national industrial development and scientific advancement. But of the many industrialists and capitalists of India, Prof. Bernal said that they did not either care or did not have enough resources to think in terms of national development or longrange researches. They concentrated on getting rich immediately and were content to take over European patents and processes by paying heavy royalties.

HOUSING PROBLEM

Prof. Bernal dwelt at some length on the deplorable conditions of housing all over the country. He said little effort was being made to evolve large-scale plans of housing based on available indigenous materials. Some effort was made in this direction now, notably in Roorkee, but he regretted that administrators generally were drawing "grandiose" plans on the model of European conditions totally unsuited to India. In this connection, he was surprised to note the Indian Government were building a prefabrication factory in Delhi when even in this country it was found that prefabricated houses were too costly and beyond the means of people for whom they were primarily intended

Prof. Bernal said that for any large-scale development of India in the present economic and social conditions, plans should be based on self-help and proper use of local manpower and full exploitation of indigenous resources, thereby cutting down of the minimum the dependence on foreign exchange In this connection, he said that the methods adopted by Soviet Russia for the development of their backward regions were worth studying by Indian planners and administrators.



Raja Maharaj Singh speaking at the opening of the new premises of a mobile hospital at Worli on Friday.

A Mobile Hospital

TOO SENSITIVE TO COMMENTS

British Press On Pak Restrictions

LONDON, March 23. (PTI-Reuter).

"WORLD'S Press News", journal of the British newspaper industry, commented today that the Pakistan Government seemed "peculiarly sensitive" to Press comment.

The paper wrote: "Important issues concerning "access to news" are raised by the situation that has developed between India and Pakistan over the reporting of events in Eastern Bengal'. It referred to the statement issued by the Press Trust of India charging the Pakistan Government with preventing correspondents doing their work in Eastern Bengal.

"Generally, it is claimed the restrictive measures against the collection and dissemination of news imposed have been such as to invite world attention and consideration by the United Nations", the "Worlds Press News" editorial said.

It referred to the East Bengal Government statement which admitted that it did give instructions to District Authorities which led to the withdrawal of accreditation, but invited the correspondents to re-apply. The statement said that only one correspondent had responded to this invitation. "This should be capable of determination on the facts", the journal said.

SENSITIVE

"But it is further alleged by the East Bengal Government that correspondents had been guilty of unfair and tendentious reports and behaviour.

"While it is difficult, without that rotundity of appreciation given by local knowledge, to express opinions so far from the spot, it would seem that the Pakistan Government, and its subsidiaries, is peculiarly sensitive to comment, for it has even charged local correspondents in India of "The Times" with responsibility for editorial comment made by the paper in London.

"The whole situation is unfortunate and should be mutally adjusted. It would be highly regrettable for it to deteriorate and embitter the future progress of Press interests in these new Dominions".

British Loan To Burma

COMMONS AGREE

LONDON, March 23 (PTI-Reuter): The House of Commons today agreed to a British Government "rice" loan of half a million sterling to Burma for use by the Burmese State Agricultural Board.

Mr. N. Frederick Erroll, who opened the debate for the Opposition, said the Burmese Government had decided to make the State Agricultural Board a permanent feature of its economy.

15 POLICEMEN HURT IN FRANCE

ROANNE (Central France), March 23 (PTI-Reuter): Stones hurled by a crowd of about 1,500 demonstrators injured 15 policemen, two seriously, here today during a protest march against the movement of tanks and other war material from the arsenal to the railway station.

Press Freedom In Pakistan!

KARACHI, March 23 (UPI).

The Karachi correspondent of the London newspaper "Financial Times" Mr. C. A. Meneses, has been threatened with expulsion from Pakistan by the administrator of Karachi on the ground that he had sent out an alleged prejudicial report, it is reported here.

Mr. C. A. Menezes has in a statement appealed to the Pakistan authorities to review their decision in the name of freedom of the press.

Law Of Jungle In Pakistan

BIHAR MINISTER ON BENGAL SITUATION

PATNA, March 23 (PTI): Mr. Abdul Qaiyum Ansari, Minister of Public Works and Rehabilitation, Bihar, returned here after a tour of Indo-Pakistan border areas in Purnea district.

Addressing a meeting at Hartiagag village, on the Indian side of the Indo-Pakistan border, Mr. Ansari said "what is happening to the Hindu minority in East Pakistan has blacked the fair name of Islam by perpetrating un-Islamic acts in the very name of Islam. From all evidence it appears that the law of the jungle is prevailing in Pakistan".

Mr. Ansari advised the people to remain calm and peaceful and strengthen the hands of the Government so that positive measures could be taken by the Government to stop the atrocities of Pakistan

Earlier, in the course of his tour, Mr. Ansari visited several villages situated on the Indo-Pakistan border and addressed large numbers of refugees from East Pakistan.

8 Muslims Arrested For Converting Hindus

BAHRAICH, March 23 (PTI): Eight persons including the "Pesh Imam" of the Jumma Masjid have been arrested here following the recovery of a Hindu woman who was alleged to have been converted to Islam.

The police were reported to have seized a register disclosing the conversion of 48 other Hindus.

The register, it is reported, bears the signature of a Member of the U.P. Legislative Assembly.

SOCIALISTS MAY JOIN THE GOVERNMENT

Jayaprakash Offers All Co-operation

CALCUTTA, March 23 (UPI).

IN case of a national crisis and formation of an emergency Government on the East Bengal issue my partymen or I may join the Cabinet. We are, however, always ready to support the Government on any firm action they take, observed Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan, Socialist leader addressing a press conference here today. ...

Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan suggested that Pandit Nehru should immediately call a conference of representative Indians for evolving a national policy to deal with the situation adds PTI.

Mr. Narayan said that at this hour when the nation was in great peril, people should cease talking in different voices and should evolve a common policy of action. If there was any time for dispassionate thinking and united action, it was now, he said.

LOOSE TALK

"Let those who are talking loosely of ministerial resignations and change of Government realise that if India has to face the present menace with success there must be national unity and joint effort of all patriotic citizens and parties".

Whatever national policy might eventually be formulated, Mr. Narayan emphasised, it was the duty of men of all parties to preserve peace in this country and guarantee to our Muslim citizens not only freedom from fear but also an equal and honourable status with other citizens of the country. The incidents in India and particularly in West Bengal had weakened the hands of those who wanted firm action to be taken with regard to Pakistan, he added.

Replying to some critics, who had charged him or the Socialist Party of being "war-mongers", Mr. Narayan said that his earlier statement had been misunderstood in certain quarters. If for certain events they had suggested armed intervention to protect human rights and decencies in East Bengal, that did not mean that they should conquer or annex East Pakistan.

CREATE CONDITIONS

But before any armed intervention they must maintain peace and guarantee full security to the Muslim minorities in India. Then only they could demand of Pakistan to create similar conditions there, and if they failed to do so, India would be justified to send her troops to create that condition in East Bengal.

Mr. Narayan said that he had placed before the Prime Minister, and had also sent a telegram to him, their views on the present problem and how to solve it. It was for the Government to decide the future course of action. If they failed to do it, people had a right to have another Government. But before they talked of changing the Government, they must realise that the situation called for united national efforts.

BOMB EXPLOSION IN CALCUTTA

No One Injured

CALCUTTA, March 23, (UPI): Four bombs exploded in a bustee in the eastern part of Calcutta this morning. Nobody was injured.

The police searched the bustee and recovered some rifle cartridges.

Britain's Budget Day

LONDON, March 23, (PTI-Reuter): Britain's budget day is to be on Tuesday, April 18, Mr. Harbert Morrison, leader of the House of Commons, announced today

Plane Nose-Dives, Six Killed

AYLESBURY (Buckinghamshire), March 23, (PTI-Reuter): A Royal Air Force Anson plane nose-dived into a field near here today and burst into flames, killing the six occupants.

Teacher In Goa Expelled

BOMBAY, Thursday.

THE Portuguese Colonial Ministry has ordered that Mr. Divakar Cacodkar, a teacher in an English-language school in Goa, be expelled from the colony, according to reports in Goa newspapers received here.

The Ministry alleged that Cacodkar held "views subversive of the security of the state" and had functioned as an agent of Tass, the official Soviet news agency.

Cacodkar would be exiled to the islands of Cape Verde, off West Africa, the Ministry declared.

Italian Strikers Clash With Police

EIGHTY-FIVE HURT

ROME, March 23 (PTI-Reuter): Italy returned to near normal today after yesterday's 12-hour nation-wide strike called by the Communist-led General Confederation of Labour.

Strikers threw a hand grenade and police opened fire today in a clash at San Severo-in southern Italy. Five police were reported injured.

The northern city of Parma also carried on its general strike for another day to protest against the death of a demonstrating workers shot by police riot squads yesterday. But most centres reported the situation easier.

About 60 demonstrators and 20 policemen were injured in clashes throughout the country yesterday.

In all, police detained about 2,000 people, most of them for a few hours only.

E. BENGAL DEFENCE MEASURES

Liaquat Satisfied

DACCA, March 23 (PTI-Reuter): Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Khan left for Karachi this morning after his five-day "peace mission" to East Bengal.

"I am certainly satisfied with the defence arrangements in East Bengal", he said, in reply to a correspondent's question.

The Prime Minister disclosed that drafts of the proposed joint declaration by India and Pakistan for the protection of their respective minorities had been exchanged between the two countries but that nothing final had come out. "I will look into the matter when I reach Karachi", he added.

Asked if there was a possibility of a personal meeting between him and Pandit Nehru in view of the magnitude of the inter-dominion minority problem, he said, "everything is possible".

He travelled by the special Dakota of the Royal Pakistan Air Force Chief.

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Wanted. Wholesale customers and capable Agents to purchase our reputed Teas and Nilgiri Eucalyptus Oil available at competitive prices. Correspond only in English for terms to the Bluehills Tea Company, Mettupalaiyam, S. India. (7416)

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REVISED SUBURBAN SERVICE TIME TABLE.

REVISED SUBURBAN TIME TABLE will come into force from 1st April, 1950.

In view of heavy Engineering speed restrictions on Virar-Bassein Road section some of the Virar locals in the Up directions have had to be timed to leave Virar slightly earlier and in the Down direction to arrive slightly later at Virar.

This is only for a short duration and it is hoped to revert to the original timings of these trains as soon as the Engineering speed restrictions are removed.

Sheet Time Tables may be referred to for details. (7433)

NOTICE.

IT HAS BEEN REPRESENTED to us by Messrs. B. B. CHABUKSWAR, S. P. APTE and B. A. DESAI that our Policy No. 92127, issued in favour of Mr. Ambadas Dattatraya Vaidya since deceased has been lost and that it was not in any manner trasferred or encumbered. Unless valid objections are received at this Office within 15 days from the date hereof, the said Policy will be cancelled and a duplicate Policy issued in his name.

24th March, 1950.

SECRETARY.
Hindustan Co-operative Insurance Society Ltd., Calcutta (7423)

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M. & S. M. RAILWAY.
NOTICE.

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K. L. CRAWFORD.
Chief Commercial Manager

Madras. 21-3-1950. 7430

NOTICE OF THE DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Partnership of Messrs. KALIANJI HEMRAJ & CO., heretofore subsisting between KALIANJI HEMRAJ And DALPATRAM SHAMJI has by mutual consent been determined as from the 21st March 1950 and that the said Kalianji Hemraj is entitled to all the assets, effects and outstandings of the said firm of Messrs. Kalianji Hemraj & Co. The said firm has no debts or liabilities.

Dated this 22nd day of March, 1950.

(Sd/-) KALIANJI HEMRAJ.
(Sd/-) DALPATRAM SHAMJI. (1709)

NOTICE OF THE DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

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Dated this 22nd day of March, 1950.

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B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY.
REVISED MAIN LINE TIME TABLE.

REVISED MAIN LINE TIME TABLE will come into force with effect from 1-4-1950. For detailed timings sheet time tables at stations may be referred to.

The Frontier Mail from Bombay Central will leave at 7-20 P. M. and arrive Delhi as at present. The present Rajputana Mail between Bombay and Ahmedabad will run as Janata Express for Class III passengers only. The Gujerat Mails will continue to run as at present. This will provide nearly 30 per cent additional accommodation for Class III passengers.

With effect from the same date, Air Conditioned Class I accommodation will be provided on Gujerat Mails between Bombay and Ahmedabad. Ordinary Class I fare between Bombay and Ahmedabad is Rs. 33-4-0 and the Air-Condition fare will be Rs. 48-0-0. (7432)

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SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY
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The Owners reserve the right to reject the lowest or any Tenders.

Last date for Receiving Tenders by the Architects is 17th April, 1950 MASTER, SATHE & BHUTA. 34-38, Hamam Street, Fort. Bombay. (7422)

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY
IN INSOLVENCY
No. 34 of 1950.

Re: Messrs. PALAN SOJPAL AND COMPANY, a firm, carrying on business as Contractors at Palan Sojpal Building, Portuguese Church Road, Dadar, Bombay ... Debtors.

Ex parte: Messrs. GOVINDJI BHARMAL AND COMPANY a firm ... Petitioning Creditors.

On the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioning Creditors presented on the 6th day of March 1950 an Order was made this day by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay in its Insolvency Jurisdiction adjudging the abovenamed Debtors Insolvents.

Dated this 22nd day of March, 1950.

SAROSH H. A. VAKIL
Insolvency Registrar,
High Court, Bombay. (7425)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that my clients, THE BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY, have agreed to purchase from MANEKBAI, widow of Prabhu Jiwan, the undermentioned property Any person or persons having any claim or right way of inheritance, mortgage, gift, trust, possession, lease, lien, easement or otherwise in respect of the said property should make the same known to the undersigned at his Office at Improvement Trust Building, Napier Road, Fort, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise he she or they will be precluded from making the same, and such claim, if any, shall be deemed to have been waived.

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BALVANTRAI G. DESAI.
Purchasers' Attorney (7427)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that HASAMALLI NOORMAHOMAD PATEL and Dr. MISS JENA HASSAMALLI PATEL of Bombay, Khoja Mahomedan Inhabitants have contracted to sell transfer and assign absolutely to my client the property hereunder described. All persons having any claim or demands in to upon or against the property either by way of mortgage, charge, lien, gift, sale, use, trust, possession, inheritance, maintenance, lease easements or otherwise howsoever, are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at his Office at "SHANTASHRAM" Andheri, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the purchase will be completed without reference to any such claim or demand and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

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Dated the 23rd day of March, 1950.

VASANTRAO S. PATIL.
Purchaser's Advocate. (7428)

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY.
IN INSOLVENCY.
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DECLARE DIVIDEND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Official Assignee of Bombay intends to declare dividends in the following estates as mentioned below:

Serial No.	Insolvency No.	Name of the Insolvent.	Dividend intended to be declared.
1.	36 of 1949	Colin Ansel Ballard	First
2.	80 of 1949	Jiwanlal M. Parekh	—do—
3.	70 of 1946	Jehangir Kaikhushru Panday	First and Final.
4.	141 of 1946	Andrew D'Mello	—do—
5.	11 of 1949	Krishnaji Mahadeo Surve	—do—
6.	37 of 1944	Ernest Washington Bomford	Second and Final
7.	92 of 1945	Anthony Manuel	—do—
8.	109 of 1947	Jovita DeCunha	—do—
9.	15 of 1941	Lakhmidas M. Patel.	Third and Final.
10.	689 of 1932	Bandealli Bhojabhai Allarakhia (Personal).	Fifth and Final.
11.	689 of 1932	Karamalli Bhojabhai Allarakhia and others.	Sixth.
12	279 of 1941	Aaron Solomon	Supplementary and Final.
13.	6 of 1949	Matrumal Gangaprasad Bajoria.	Preferential distribution.
14.	18 of 1949	Vrajlal Keshavji Vora	—do—

Creditors who have not proved their claims are requested to do so in the office of the Undersigned within fourteen days from the date hereof. If they fail to do so, their claims will be excluded and the Undersigned will proceed to declare a dividend in the respective estates, as stated above without regard to such claims.

All persons having claims against the Official Assignee in the abovementioned estates in respect of costs, charges, expenses, rent lien or otherwise, are hereby requested to notify their claims to the Undersigned within fourteen days from the date of this advertisement. On expiry of the said period, the assets in the above estates will be distributed and the claims received after that period will not be recognised.

Bombay, dated this 22nd day of March, 1950.

Official Assignee's Office
High Court, Bombay.

G. G. MAHADEVIA
Official Assignee of Bombay. (7426)

AUCTION SALES

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CAMBRIDGE S. C. EXAM: RESULTS

BOMBAY, Thursday.

HERE are the names of candidates who have been successful in the Cambridge school certificate examination held in December 1949 at centres in the State of Bombay. The figures in brackets after the names of the candidates indicate the class of merit.

BOYS

CHRIST CHURCH HIGH SCHOOL
Henderson L. N. (I), Homfray J. N (I), Levy, J. (II), MacMull H. I. (III), Sampson V.V. (I), Sethna R. (III), Sukumaran L. J. (II).

CONVENT OF JESUS & MARY
Brendish A. (III), Carvalho B. (III), Carvalho E. (III), De Chaumont Y (II), Nicholas M. (III), Rego C. (III), Rosarios H. (III), Rosario R. (II), Simoes M. (I).

CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL, IGATPURI
Dinshaw M. (II), Dadabhoy T. (III), Lobo A. (III), Staines S. (II).

BOMBAY SCOTTISH ORPHANAGE SOCIETY'S HIGH SCHOOL
Bruce C. P. (III), Das Gupta B. (I) Everett M. G. (I), Gilder J. E. L. (I), Ranji M. (I).

ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL, BANDRA
Botelho A. III, Chinoy D I, Collister Z. I. D'Monte E. I, D'Souza J. II, Gholap N I, Misquita J. III, Morgan G II. Nadvi A I, Rahim H. I, Reuben N III. Symons Y II, Travasse A. III.

CATHEDRAL AND JOHN CONNON GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL
Ballard E. I, Berry G. III, Billimoria D. II, Chinoy R III, Contractor S. II, Lahiri A. II, Lisboa C. II, Marsh G. II, Manji R. III, Panjabi L. III, Sabavala R. III, Seth M. III, Vakeel S II, Wilkinson J. II.

CONVENT OF JESUS & MARY
Atzenwiler C. C. I, Billimoria S. II, D'Cruz E. III, Joseph J. II, Marshall G. II, Mehra C. II, Meyer P II, Nadirshaw D. I, Pinto I. II, Pinto J. II, Rao S. III.

QUEEN MARY HIGH SCHOOL
Bhandara A. I, Christie L. I, Daphtary L. II, Dotiwala A. III, Ghandhy D. III, Jagtiani S. II, Karim H. III, Kolapore D. III, Postwalla N. I, Salebhai Z. III, Verma V. III, Wadia R. III, Wagle V. III.

BARNES HIGH SCHOOL, DEOLALI
Wright C. A. III.

ST. PETER'S GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL, KHANDALA
Mistry Z. II, Oliver A. III. Soonawalla R. III.

KIMMINS HIGH SCHOOL, PANCHGANI
Burburry S. M. E. III, Chamarette H. A. M. I.

ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL, PANCHGANI
Aftabi, N. II, Bakshi, N. I, Ghadially, P. III, Irani, K. II.

CONVENT OF JESUS AND MARY, POONA
Advani, N. II, Bose, V. II, Correa, M. II, D'Souza, M. R. II, Irani, P. II, Khoshdill, A. III, Kolha, R. III, Pereira, W. II, Vaganegi, G. II.

HUTCHINGS HIGH SCHOOL, POONA
Elijah, J. III, Jamshedji, A. II, Judge, C. M. III, Mordecai, E. III, Ritchie, H. B. III, Watchmaker, K. S. II.

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL, POONA
Ashrey, J. E. I, Devadawson, E. I. L. I, Fazalbhoy, M. I, Framjee, B I, Jones M. P. III, Singh, T. M. I, Temple, M. E. II, Vasunia, M. I.

GIRLS

CHRIST CHUBCH HIGH SCHOOL, BYCULLA
Ballard, M. III, Castellas, S. A. III, Collins, S. T. III, Gair, P. III, Hamid K. III, Irani, B. III, Malelu, D. S. I, Otter, S. E. III, Poynts, R. G. II Cohen, A. A. II.

SCOTTISH ORPHANAGE SOCIETY'S HIGH SCHOOL
Hukku, J. S. II, Iyengar, B III, Jesudian, F. III, Sanjana, R. N. II, Tanwani, G. II, Vaidya, R. II.

ST. MARY'S EUROPEN HIGH SCHOOL
Alimahomed, A. I, Barboza, C II, Carneiro, A. II, Contractor, R. II, De Gama-Rose, R. W. II, Digby, P I, Gonsalves, E. II, Gotting, P. D II, Johnston, L. III, Kharegat, T II, Kohiyar, P. I.

Martensz, L. J. I, Martins, O. J. I, Mathews, S. II, Misquitta, F. I, Misquitta, L. II, Montaut, C. III, Muljiani S. III, Nazir, D. J. I, Parera, I. II, Patel, M. I, Patel, R. III, Patel, W. I, Pavri, H. I, Pherwani, M. I, Pherwani, S S. I, Poynts, O. II, Rege R. III, Sabikhi, R. I, Shah, H. III, Smith, P. III, Staines, A. II, Tipnis, A. III, Woods, K. III, Vasudeva, P. I. Mody, K. Latin credit.

CATHEDRAL & JOHN CANNON SCHOOL
Bhandari, R. K. II, Chatlani, R. P. III, Desai, J. R. III, Hayeem, B. I, Jumani, M. B. II, Kapadia, Y. S. II, Khambatta, M. S. III, Lam, S. J. II, Malani, M. N. III, Merchant, C. H. III, Mirza, H. III, Moolgaokar, A. S. II, Padamsee, A. C. III, Patel, N. J. I, Ram S. V. I, Shivji, A R. III, Patka, J. Private candidate. URDU Credit.

BARNES HIGH SCHOOL, DEOLALI
Dacosta, T. III, D'Fraser, O. A. II, Goodwin, D. P. III, Halford, A. K. III, Hardman, J. L. I, Rashidi, S. K. II, Smith, K. M. III.

ST. PETER'S SCHOOL, PANCHGANI
Atraghji, E. III, Atraghji, J. II, Contractor, K. I, Daulatram, A. C. II, Khandke, K. III, Lalvani, S. III, Losnes, A. II, Mehta, M. III, Moshi, F. I, Morea, G. II, Willmett, W. R. III, Zakkai, J. II.

THE BISHOP'S HIGH SCHOOL, POONA
Devlin, B. D. III, Ebrahim, O. III, Hanson, G. C. III, Kehela, S. R. II, Khambatta, J. K. III, Marshall, W. H, II, Merdecai, V. I Pramanik, S. K. II, Raina, P. III, Riordan, D. G. G. I, Sawhney, P. C. III, Winckler, H. B. L. III.

SHRI SHIVAJI PREPARATORY MILITARY SCHOOL, POONA
Jaising, H. II, Rais Nasim Amir III, Taleyarkhan Manecxshah III.

BARODA UNIVERSITY

Scope Of Jurisdiction Clarified

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Government of Bombay has directed that the provisions of Section 5 of the Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda Act should come into force with effect from April 1, 1950.

Section 5 of the Act reads: No educational institution situate within the University Area shall, save with the consent of the University and the sanction of Government be associated in any way with, or seek admission to any privileges of, any other University established by law. Any such privileges of, any other University established by law. Any such privileges enjoyed from such other University, before the date on which this section comes into force by any educational institution situate within the University Area, shall be deemed to be withdrawn with effect from such date.

With effect from such date all educational institutions admitted to the privileges of the University of Bombay and situate within the University Area shall be deemed to be admitted to the privileges of the University, and the University shall, as far as may be possible and consistent with this Act, admit such institutions to all such privileges as they had from the University of Bombay immediately before such date.

PROHIBITION BOARD

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Government of Bombay has directed that the Bombay State Prohibition Board and the various City and District Prohibition Committees in the State should be continued up to August 31 next.

The Board, which was so far known as the Provincial Prohibition Board, was constituted in April 1947 to advise and assist the Government in furtherance of its Prohibition policy.

Wholesale Dealers In Drugs To Note

The attention of dealers in drugs is drawn to a recent amendment to the Drugs Rules, 1945, by which wholesale dealers in drugs other than those specified in Schedule C to the Rules are required to take out a wholesale licence in form No. 20. Such dealers are advised to apply in form No. 19 for a wholesale licence to the local Drugs Licensing Authority (i.e., the Drugs Controller for the State of Bombay in the case of Greater Bombay and the Civil Surgeon in the case of districts). Persons dealing in drugs in contravention of Drugs Rules are liable to prosecution under the Drugs Act, 1940.

RETRENCHMENT MOVE OF AIR INDIA

Labour Chief To Hold Discussion

SECUNDERABAD, March 23 (UPI): Mr. V. B. Raju, President of the All India Aero Employees' Federation, left for Bombay last evening to hold discussions with the management of the Air India Limited on their decision to retrench a body of workers. He will also meet the employees' Union and give them a lead in the matter.

Information About Evacuee Properties

INSTRUCTIONS FOR INFORMANTS

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Since the enforcement of the Evacuee Property legislation in the State of Bombay, displaced persons have been applying to the Government giving information of alleged evacuee properties from time to time and claiming allotment of such properties on the grounds of having been the first informants Such apolications are at present being sent or brought to the various addresses, viz. to the Custodian of Evacuee Property personally, to the Custodian's Office at Yacht Club Building, Apollo Bunder, the Collector of Bombay, who is also the Additional Custodian or to the Deputy Custodian of Evacuee Property or to all of them. This creates confusion and it becomes difficult for the officers concerned to decide as to who is the first informant in any particular case

In order to avoid these difficulties, the Government has decided that in the case of the Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District, applications giving information of alleged evacuee properties should be sent to the Deputy Custodian of Evacuee Property, Old Custom House Yard, Fort, Bombay, who has made suitable arrangements for the receipt of such applications. In districts, such information should be given to the Collectors concerned, who are Deputy Custodians of Evacuee Property Applications addressed to other officers will not be considered for the purposes of determining the first informant.

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'SET UP COMMUNITY CENTRES IN CITY'

Plea At City Corporation Meeting

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A resolution requesting the Municipal Commissioner to submit detailed proposals for establishing community centres in the city sa as to provide better facilities for reading rooms, lecture ha lls, milk distribution centres andamateur theatrical performances was moved at today's meeting of the Municipal Corporation by Mr. K. S. Dharia.

Supporting the resolution, Mr. Ashok Mehta said that community centres were necessary to develop a sense of unity and the spirit of co-operation in the people. He urged that the proposal be accepted because of its very laudable objectives.

The resolution was referred to the Law, Revenue and General Purposes Committee.

PURE MILK SUPPLY

Earlier, Mr. Dinker Desai moved a resolution to the effect that "in view of the failure of the Bombay Government to arrange for a copious and pure supply of milk to the city despite several restrictions placed on its use in hotels and restaurants", the Commissioner be requested to consider "de novo" the entire problem of milk supply in the city with special reference to the possibility of restarting the supply of milk to children and expectant mothers on the lines of the former Government subsidised Milk Scheme and report to the Medical Relief and Public Health Committee.

The resolution when put to the vote, was defeated.

Phillipine Leader In City

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mr. Loranzo, the Phillipine Delegate to the Pacifist Conference, who is now in Bombay, told in an interview today that he was in India on a four-month goodwill tour. He had, he said, already met a number of prominent personalities, including Cabinet Ministers, and proposed to meet many more with a view to studying the Indian way of life.

Mr. Loranzo, who had an informal talk with Mr. S. K. Patil, Mayor of Bombay, today, is addressing a press conference tomorrow at the Congress House.

MR. V. N. PATRUNI PASSES AWAY

Prominent Andhra Citizen

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A distinguished member of the Bombay Yarn Merchants Association, Mr. Patruni Venkat Narayan, proprietor of the Patruni and Sons expired at 6-30 a.m. on Thursday, March 23, at Narayan Villa, R. P. Masani Road, Matunga.

Mr. Patruni had been in Bombay for a period of forty years and was a prominent Andhra citizen.

The Bombay Yarn Exchange was closed today as a mark of respect to Mr. Patruni.

The Uttamna ceremony is on Saturday March 25 at 4 p.m.

PEACE COMMITTEE FORMED IN CITY

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A meeting of the prominent citizens of B. Ward was held in the office of the Memon Chamber of Commerce in which it was decided to form a peace committee for the maintenance of peace in the ward.

Hakim Mirza Maider Beg J. P. Mr. Kanji Mehta, Mr. Abdul Bagzi Moosa Sharif and Mr. Ramji Louji were elected as conveners of the committee.

The meeting was addressed amongst others by Mr. Yasin Nurie M.P. who made a fervent appeal for communal peace and amity in the city.

Export Of Ghee Allowed

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Government of Bombay has cancelled the Orders prohibiting export of ghee outside the State of Bombay.

Make More Use Of Khaddar

PLEA AT PRIMARY TEACHERS MEETING

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Speaking at the Spinning classes organised for Primary teachers by the Suburban District Schools Board at Ghatkopar, Shri K. T. Mantri emphasised the need of using Khaddar and said that Khaddar had an impertant place in the economic life of peasants and workers. He said that spinning could be taken up as a supplementary vocation for agriculturists who were otherwise usually idle for four months in a year.

Shri K. T. Mantri explained the place of spinning in the economic set up of India, which, he said, was primarily agricultural and exhorted the gathering to carry on this activity to the best of their abilities.

Hotel Workers Dispute Settled

Negotiations between the Indian Hotels Co., Ltd., representing the Taj Mahal and Green's Hotels and the Bombay Hotel Kamgar Union have concluded successfully and a settlement has been arrived at. Nearly 1,000 workmen of these two concerns had given Strike-notice demanding gratuity to retrenched employees and retrenchment on the basis of seniority.

By the terms of the settlement all retrenched employees shall be paid gratuity at the rate of 21 days wages with dearness allowance, in addition to Food Allowance for every year of service. The workmen shall also be paid the Company's contribution to the Provident Fund along with their own, leave pay, month's notice pay, etc. It has also been agreed by the management that the discharge notices served on senior workmen would be withdrawn.

The President of the Union stated that in view of the amicable settlement reached between the parties, the Strike has been averted. He also stated that it is up to the management of other hotels and clubs in the city to consider the precarious conditions of the hotel workers facing unemployment due to prohibition and provide adequate relief to them.

Two New Bills Published

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Two new Bills have been published in the Bombay Government Gazette, of March 22, 1950. They are a Bill to amend the Bombay Secondary School Certificate Examination Act, 1948 and a Bill to amend the Gujarat University Act, 1949.

The former Bill seeks to give representation to the S.N.D.T. and Baroda Universities on the Secondary School Certificate Examination Board and also permit temporary appointments to the post of Chairman of the Board in an emergency, while the latter Bill makes provision for the appointment of a Rector for the Gujarat University, during the transitory period.

The latter Bill also proposes to increase the number of members to be nominated by the Chancellor on the University authorities so that he may, if he so desires, make a few nominations from outside the State.

Income-Tax Reference

ASSESSEE SUCCEEDS

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Tendolkar)

Kantilal Keshavlal Patel .. Applicant

vs

The Commissioner of Income-Tax, Bombay ..... Respondent

THE assessee entered into an agreement with one Shavakshaw Sorabji Patel as his agent for the sale of certain goods with a stipulation that if Shavakshaw realized a price higher than a specific base price, the excess was to be shared equally between the assessee and Shavakshaw. As a result of goods sold by Shavakshaw, a sum of Rs. 27,876 was paid to him by the assessee under the agreement. The assessee claimed this amount as a permissible deduction but the Income-Tax Tribunal had disallowed it on the ground that it was an appropriation of profits between the assessee and Shavakshaw in respect of which the assessee was not entitled to any deduction

In their lordships' opinion it was clear that in order to determine whether certain profits were liable to tax or not, what the Court had to decide was whether those profits were apparent or gross profits, or whether they were real net profits, and that it was only the latter which were subject to tax. Their lordships observed that if real or net profits were distributed by the assessee between himself and someone else, the Taxing Department was not concerned with such distribution. If, however, certain sums had to be paid from apparent profits in order to earn those profits, the assessee was entitled to deduct the sums so paid and was liable to pay tax only on the balance which constituted the real profits. Their lordships stated that Shavakshaw was an agent for sale of the assessee's goods, and that these sums had been paid to him in that capacity for the purpose of earning the profits. Their lordships therefore held that the assessee could be called upon to pay tax only on the real profits ascertained after deducting this commission paid by the assessee to Shavakshaw.

Sir Jamshedji Kanga and Mr. R. J. Kolah instructed by Messrs. Kanga & Co. appeared for the assessee. The Attorney-General Mr. M. C. Setalvad and Mr. G. N. Joshi instructed by Mr. N. K. Petigara appeared for the Commissioner.

CITY & SUBURBS

TODAY

Hindu: Chaitra Shud 6, 2006.
Muslim: Jamadi-ul-Akher 4, 1369.
Parsi: Meher 23, 1319.
Sunrise 6-41 a.m., Sunset 6-51 p.m.
Hightide 02-21, 15-36 Lowtide 08-46, 21-06.

Today's Engagements

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION: Presentation of Civic address to Mr. Jagjivan Ram, Minister for Labour, Government of India, Corporation Hall, 5 p.m.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Study class on "The Kama Loka and Devachan' at Jehangir Wadia Building, Fort, 6-15 p.m.

TODAY'S RADIO

Air News From Delhi

English 8 a.m. 1-30 p.m., 6, 9; Gujarati 8-45 a.m. 1 p.m. 8-15; Hindustani 8-15 a.m 1-40 pm. 6-10, 9-15; Kannada 7-45 a.m 7-45 p.m.; Malayalam 7-30 a.m. 7-30 p.m.; Marathi 8-30 a.m. 12-50 p.m. 8; Tamil 7-15 a.m. 7-15 p.m. Telugu 7 a.m. 1.50 p.m. 7 p.m.

BOMBAY

7-30 a.m. bhor bhaee, 7-35 Physical education, 7-40 Today's programme, 7-45 P Marwadi, G bhajan, 8-15 B R Joshi, kh.v.s., todi, 12-45 p.m. Tantrakari, 12-50 P Marwadi G bhajan, 1-40 C B S Symp. Orch, 4-20 School broadcast, 5-0 Hindi by radio, 5-20 Sumati W Telang. M songs, 5-30 R Prem, been. 6-10 Music lessons, 6-30 B R Joshi, multani, 7-10 Locals, 7-20 G geet, 7-30 Sumati W Telang, shankara, 7-45 For industrial workers, 9-15 P Marwadi, G bhajans, 9-30 Film songs, 9-45 Ismail, sarangi par desh, 10-0 H Kingsom and swing trio, 10-30 Piano swingtime.

VARIATIONS

8-0 a.m. R Prem, been, 8-45 Shanata shirali, M songs, 1-0 p.m. Shanta Shirali, Bhavgeet, 1-10 Good Lakeri, 1-50 For women, 5-0 Hindi by radio, 6-0 M A Rauf, H songs, 6-20 For rural listeners, 7-30 Commercial news, 8-15 M A Rauf, H songs, 8-30 "Niwadnccк," M, 8-15 Month's song, 9-0 R Prem, beem. 10-0 M Nath, U roopak, "Unique love" 10-30 B R Joshi, bhoopali.

BARODA

7-30 a.m C Shetye, violin, 7-40 Physical education 7-45 Nakshigara, deskar, 8-15 As in Ahfedabad, 8-30 M Potdar bhavgeet, 5-30 p.m. H B Nakshigara, bhimpalus, 5-45 As in Ahmedabad, 6-10 Hindi lessons, 6-30 For rural listeners, 7-0 As in Ahmedabad, 7-15 A K Nanavaty, G talk, 7-30 Taal Tritaal on instru-G talk, 7-30 Taal tritaal on instruments, 7-45 Geet gunjan, 7-55 Locals, 8-0 H Nakshigara, puria, 8-30 As in Ahmedabad, 9-30 Listener's requests by B Munshi

AHMEDABAD

7-30 a.m. As in Baroda, 7-40 Physical education 7-45 As in Bardea, 8-15 Prayer, 8-30 As in Baroda, 5-30 p.m. As in Baroda, 5-45 R R Dave, kh. puria, 6-10 Hindi lessons, 66-30 B Shahpads, 6-45 R R Dave, kh, tilakkamed., 7-0 Gurjarina raas, 7-15 G talk "bandhkamna navan sadhano", 7-30 For industrial workers, 8-0 B Shah, songs, 8-10 Locals, 8-30 R R Dave, kh. k.v.d., 8-45 As in Baroda, 9-30 N Kunchala, folk-song, 9-45 B Shah songs.

YEOMAN SERVICE TO TRADE PRAISED

Mr. Brown Of Mogul Line, Ltd., Retiring, Gets Address And Casket

A notable figure in the mercantile community of the city has been retiring from the very busy career after putting in service for full 31 years. He is Mr. A. W. C. Brown, a Director of the Mogul Line, Ltd., who has retired from his post and to felicitate him on his services, rendered to shipping and trade for over three decades, a gathering was held at the Cricket Club of India, Bombay, on Wednesday, when a large number of city's merchants and traders and others was present. It was presided over by Mr. Ramnabhai C. Kasturchand, who paid eloquent tribute to Mr. Brown, for his many qualities of head and heart, and added that Mr. Brown had won the hearts of the mercantile community by dint of tact, gentlemanliness and abilities. The Mogul Line had made tremendous strides in development due to Mr. Brown's wholehearted co-operation, and also due to the efforts of Messrs. N. Jamnadas & Co., House Brokers of the Mogul Line. The mercantile community will ever remember with gratitude the contributions made by these two parties in the evolution of city's trade.

Sjt. Vasantbhai M. Kotak then read the welcome address, in which Mr. Brown's services to the trade, particularly at the time of the world wars, were particularly praised, and they wished him long life, and expressed the hope he would continue to do greater service to the country.

Mr. Brown was then given beautiful watches of artistic designs, encased in an attractive gold casket, and was garlanded.

Sjt. Varjivandas Tribhovandas said that the entire mercantile community would never forget the yeoman services rendered by Mr. Brown and by Messrs N. Jamnadas & Co. These two parties were mainly responsible for the prosperity of the Mogul Line. Sjt. Abdul A. Kader also spoke in eulogistic terms about Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown, thanking them all for the honour done to him, said that but for the hearty co-operation of Mr. Manilal Kotak representing the House Brokers, the Mogul Line could not have made such a creditable progress. He was proud of the Mogul Line and its House Brokers.

After Sjt. Jagjivandas Dossabhai and others had offered their meed of praise to Mr. Brown, refreshments were served, and the gathering dispersed after wishing Mr. Brown a happy and long life.

THUNDER-RAIN IN ASSAM

All-India Weather

POONA, March 23 (PTI): The following is the daily weather summary for Thursday 23:- Thundershowers have been widespread in Assam, sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Bihar, Chota Nagpur, Uttar Pradesh and the Punjab (1) and have occurred locally in Gangettic West Bengal, Orissa and East Madhya Pradesh. A few thundershowers have also been reported from East Rajasthan, west Madhya Pradesh and Travancore-Cochin.

Day temperatures were markedly below normal over northwest India, the central parts of the country, Chota Nagpur and Orissa.

Forecast valid until Friday evening: Thunderstorm-rain will be widespread in Assam, sub-Himalayan West Bengal, Chota Nagpur, and North Orissa. There will be local thundershowers in Gangetic West Bengal, Bihar, in and near the hills of west Uttar Pradesh and of the Punjab (I). A few thundershowers are also likely in east Uttar Pradesh, east Madhya Pradesh, east Hyderabad and the extreme south of the peninsula.

Night temperatures will fall in West Uttar Pradesh, Vindhya Pradesh, East Madhya Pradesh, Chota Nagpur, Bihar, north Deccan and north Hyderabad.

Here is the weather chart:

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Rani Maharaj Singh Visits B. J. Home

In connection with the forthcoming entertainment programme in aid of the Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Home, Matunga, Rani Maharaj Singh visited the Home at Matunga on Thursday morning and had talks with the members of the Entertainment Committee. She also inspected the plans for extension and repairs. The Bombay Madrigal Singers are giving a benefit performance on March 29 at Sir Cawasji Jehangir Hall under the patronage of Rani Maharaj Singh.

President Requested To Meet Refugees

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Singh Hindu Seva Samiti, Bombay, has requested President Dr. Rajendra Prasad to meet the refugees, during his forthcoming visit to Bombay.

In a telegram, the General Secretary of the Samiti said that this being his first visit to the city, as President, he must give some time to meet the refugees.

The Pulse Of The City

EXCISE OFFICIAL CAUGHT: Namdeo Gajaba Parde, reported to be a Range Officer attached to the Central Excise Tobacco Warehouse at Clive Road, Bombay was arrested by the Anti-Gambling Squad of the Bombay City Police in a surprise raid carried out by them on a den at Madhavvadi on Naigaum Road on Thursday. It is stated that the official is alleged to have been accepting Sutta bets. Along with him, Balu Engle, the head jobber of a local textile mill was also arrested.

SETTLEMENT: Amicable settlement has been reached in the city Hotel Employees strike. Negotiations between the Indian Hotels Co. Ltd., representing the Taj Mahal and Green's Hotels and the Bombay Hotel Kamgar Union have concluded. By the terms of the settlement all retrenched employees shall be paid gratuity at the rate of 21 days wages with dearness allowance in addition to Food Allowance for every year of service. The workman shall also be paid the Company's contribution to the Provident Fund along with their own leave pay, month's notice pay, etc. The discharge notices served on senior workmen would be withdrawn.

BURNT: An 18-year-old student residing at Mangaldas Road, Miss Kalawant Chhotalal Ramdas, died of burns in a local hospital on Wednesday. Miss Ramdas, it is stated, was preparing tea on a stove when her 'sari' accidentally caught fire.

LOITERING: On a charge of loitering on the platform, sixty-three men, rounded up by the railway police at V.T. on Wednesday, were produced before Presidency Magistrate James Menezes who fined them Rs. 10 each, in default to undergo one week's simple imprisonment.

AWARDS: At a pleasant function that took place on Wednesday, Mr. S. K. Patil, Mayor of Bombay, distributed certificates and prizes to the successful students of the Indu House Hindi classes conducted by the Ballard Estate Hindi Prachar Sabha. Mr. Mahavirprasad Morarka, a Director of the Indu Group of Mills presided.

Bombay Quiet

No incident was reported in the city of Bombay today and all is quiet now.

Police bandobast, however, continues although the tension in the city has subsided and the general public is attending to normal avocations of life as usual.

The general rounding up of 'bad characters' continues and 14 more persons were taken into custody by the police today, thus bringing the total number of arrests to 1184.

Latest enquiries reveal that the number of casualties reported so far is 56, out of which 21 have died.

Eight persons who were rounded up yesterday were allowed bail at the Esplanade Court today.

Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister, Government of Bombay, stated today at his weekly Press Conference that the three stabbing incidents reported a couple of days ago, were perhaps "the last phase" of Bombay's recent riots.

He indignantly refuted a suggestion that the Government were not giving the full and correct figures of riot casualties. "Why should we hide these figures? What do we gain by it?" he asked.

He reemphasised his opinion that flogging, even for riot offenders, was uncivilised. He also expressed the view that summary trials and justice for persons actually caught red-handed committing atrocities, were not practicable, as the collection of evidence and other necessary legal formalities, would take time.

He stated that the press had generally co-operated with Government in seeing to it that the peace and tranquillity of the state were not disturbed as a result of happenings in East Bengal.

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RULERS' PENSIONS NOT NEW

Cut Motions In Bombay Assembly

BOMBAY, Thursday.

THE pensions paid to the relatives and dependents of the ex-Rulers of the Merged States, the appointment of nominated members of the Assembly as Parliamentary Secretaries, the purchase of a twin-engine Beach-Craft by the Government, the working of the Accommodation Department, the appointment of a Director of Food Production for the State, etc., were among the various interesting subjects of discussion on a number of cut motions disposed of by the Bombay Legislative Assembly, today.

The cuts, which were on Government's supplementary demands for grants, were either withdrawn or defeated, and the original grants sanctioned. Mr. K. S. Firodia, Speaker, presided.

Mr. J. H. Shamsuddin moved a cut motion to discuss the advisability of the grant of Rs. 12,91,000 demanded by the Government for territorial and political pensions.

Mr. Shamsuddin wanted to know whether the allowances to be paid to the relatives and dependents of the Rulers were in perpetuity. He also wanted to know whether the whole liability was to be borne by the State alone, or whether it would be shared by the Central Government.

Mr. Peter Alvares, Socialist, said, that a privy purse for the relatives of the defunct rulers was a departure from the democratic practice. Their influence on the national life of the country was vicious. They were a class of parasites who served no useful purpose, and contributed to no productive employment in the country. He therefore urged that the whole demand should be rejected.

NOTHING NEW

Replying to the debate, Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister, explained that political pensions were the pensions which actually existed at the time the States merged into the State of Bombay. As such, there was no question of giving any new pension. Government were by duty bound to pay those pensions according to the agreement arrived between the Government of India and the Merged States. They were a liability on the State.

Mr. Desai made it clear that all pensions of a dubious character were already held up by the Government. There was no question of showing any partiality to any one.

The cut motion was withdrawn, and the original demand for grant was voted.

Mr. S. L. Karandikar, Independent moved another cut to discuss the appointment of additional Parliamentary secretaries.

He pointed out the convention that no nominated member could be appointed as a Minister or a Parliamentary Secretary. If the Parliamentary Secretaries were only to adorn their offices, he failed to understand why Government should waste money on the creation of such extra posts.

FAIR REPRESENTATION

Mr. Karandikar asserted that the appointment of nominated members to the posts of Parliamentary Secretaries had not been made with a view to improving the efficiency of administration. The only idea behind increasing the number of Parliamentary Secretaries was to provide representation on the Cabinet to those areas of the State, which were so far not represented there.

Mr. Morarji, in his reply to the debate, pointed out that the ability of the persons appointed as Parliamentary Secretaries was beyond the shadow of a doubt. Nominated members were as good as the elected members, and it was not proper to differentiate between the two. In appointing a few more secretaries, Government had only given a fair representation to the Merged Areas on the Cabinet.

The cut motion was put to the vote and lost.

PLANE PURCHASE

The next cut motion, which was to discuss the purchase of a twin-Engine Beach-Craft by the Government of Bombay, was also moved by Mr. Karandikar.

He said that there was something inherently contradictory in the Congress, speaking of Sarvodaya, and at the same time travelling by airplanes. He felt that their words and actions in these matters were irreconcilable.

Replying to the cut, Mr. Morarji Desai asked why this question of ideologies was not brought out when the budget cuts were being discussed. That was a more appropriate occasion.

There was no contradiction, he said, in the purchase of an aeroplane and the concept of Sarvodaya. It was wrong to say that Mahatma Gandhi was opposed to all manner of machinery and industrialisation. Gandiji was in favour of all machinery which simplified human labour and heightened man's dignity.

It was impossible for any one, in the present times, to abrogate machinery and scientific approaches, without being regarded as quixotic.

The cut motion was put to the vote and lost.

ACCOMMODATION

Mr. J. H. Shamsuddin, moving a cut with regard to the Accommodation Department of the Government, hoped that Government servants in this Department, would, in future, handle the complaints quickly and expeditiously.

Mr. M. A. Bhaiji said that requisitioning only on behalf of Government officers, was unfair to needy, private persons, who were hard put to it to shift for themselves.

Mr. Morarji Desai said that the extra staff in the Department was due to increased work. The present was the minimum staff, needed to run the department.

Regarding complaints of delay in dealing with cases brought to the notice of the department, the issue of wrong orders and other matters, he said that "while in some cases they were true, in many cases the complaints were imaginary".

PUGREE EVIL

The vacancies notified to Government, were allotted to Government servants and consulates. Even these requirements had not been fully satisfied. But, no occupied houses were now being requisitioned, only suppressed vacancies or unauthorised occupations. The first informants with regard to such vacancies, were always given priority, even over Government's needs.

They had also decided not to requisition new buildings. Landlords could choose their own tenants in new buildings, without of course, resorting to "Pugree" and other malpractices. The only condition governing the lease of such places by landlords, was that the person so allotted must have been in Bombay for at least six months before the occupancy.

Thorough inquiries were made with regard to complaints and information, and this caused delay sometimes.

The abolition of the department, he maintained, would mean the revival of the "Pugree" evil in a more virulent form.

Where wrong orders had been issued by the Government, they had always tried to redress the mistakes.

FOOD PRODUCTION

The motion was withdrawn.

Mr. Karandikar moved another cut to discuss the appointment, by the Government, of a Director of Food Production for the State. Speaking on the cut, he deplored Government's tendency in engagini experienced administrators like Capt. S. P. Monite.

Mr. M. P. Patil, Minister for Agriculture, replying to the debate said, that the Agricultural Department was not the only department which was concerned with the Grow More Food Campaign. In fact, all Government departments were collectively carrying on the campaign.

He explained that when the Government of India decided to become self-sufficient in matters of food, it was found necessary to co-ordinate the food campaigns separately carried on by the Centre and the Provinces. Towards that end, some effective machinery was to be devised. Hence the Central Government decided that every State Government should appoint its own Director of Food Production.

This question was considered independently by the Bombay Government, in all its important aspects, continued the Minister. They ultimately came to the conclusion that it was desirable to appoint a Director of Food Production for the State, who would help effectively the cause of Grow More Food Campaign. Capt. Mohite's appointment was in pursuance of this decision.

The Minister made it clear that the newly-appointed Director was not only an additional officer to the Agricultural Department. He was an important, independent and responsible functionary, entrusted with the work of co-ordinating various schemes, worked out by different departments, and to expedite their execution.

The Minister added: "We have decided to intensify cultivation of paddy crops. Several schemes have been prepared in this connection. The Director of Food Production has been engaged in the co-ordination and organisation of such schemes in the department."

DEVELOPMENT

One more cut moved by Mr. Karandikar aimed at discussing the creation, anew, of the Development Department.

The cut motion was withdrawn.

In reply, Mr. V. L. Mehta, Finance Minister, stated that the decision to create such a department was taken by the Government, last year, in pursuance of certain recommendations of the Administrative Inquiry Committee. The work by this department, was handled in the past by various other departments.

The cut was withdrawn.

Mr. J. H. Shamsuddin moved a cut to discuss the necessity and utility of the tour of the Inspector General of Police.

Mr. Morarji Desai pointed out in reply that Government had profited by the tour in as much as, they had something to learn from it.

The cut was withdrawn.

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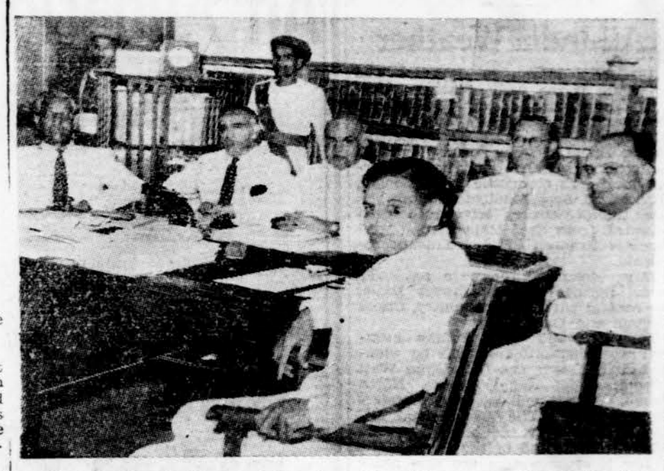

Meeting of the Air Transport Enquiry Committee was held at the High Court under the chairmanship of Justice Rajadhyaksha.

COMMITTEE MEETING AT BOMBAY

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Air Transport Inquiry Committee started its second series of sittings this afternoon in Bombay when it met in the High Court Chamber of the Hon'ble Mr. Justice G. S. Rajadhyaksha, Chairman of the Committee. Besides the Chairman the two members, Dr. H. L. Dey and Mr. R. Narayanaswami, the two Advisers representing the Director General of Civil Aviation and the Indian Air Force and the Secretary to the Committee attended the meeting.

During this series the Committee will consider the preliminary memoranda which have been submitted by the air transport companies and other interested bodies and also draw up a detailed questionnaire on the different points which have been referred to it by Government of India for inquiry.

Neither Trial Nor Freedom

SIMLA, March 23 (PTI).—About 156 Communist detenus and Communist convicts had gone on hungerstrike on January 10 and subsequent dates in various jails in the State, the Chief Minister, Dr. Gopichand Bhargava, stated in the Punjab Assembly today in reply to a question.

Their demands that they should be openly tried or released unconditionally and given the right to suggest reforms in the conditions in the jail were unacceptable to Government, he said.

Residential 'Varsity In P. E. P. S. U.

SANGPUR, March 23 (PTI).—Sardar Gian Singh Rarewala, Chief Minister of the Patiala and East Punjab States Union, declared here this morning that the Government would start a residential university in the Union. A sub-committee had been appointed, he said, to go into the question and to submit recommendations as early as possible.

Sardar Gian Singh, in his convocation address at the Ranbir College deplored the prevalent system in the Union of admitting into the University as many students as sought admission to it. "This unsystematic approach", he said, "must give way to an organised system of selection at matriculation, post-matric and pre-University stages."

Kaka Kalelkar's Call To Muslims

WARDHA, March 23 (UPI).—"It now behoves the Muslims living in India to parade to the American and Russian embassies and impress upon them publicly that they are satisfied with the Indian administration and they do not agree with the Pakistan policy and tactics towards the minority community there," said Kaka Kalelkar in an interview to the United Press of India on the East Bengal situation.

"If I were a Muslim, I would have led a 'Satyagraha platoon' to East Bengal to fight the injustices done to the minority community there," he added.

Kaka Kalelkar called upon the people of India to strengthen the hands of the Nehru Government to deal with the East Bengal problem.

PROBLEMS OF IRON INDUSTRY

Meeting In Calcutta

NEW DELHI, March 23 (PTI): The ECAFE Sub-Committee holding its second meeting in Calcutta on April 10 will discuss important and basic problems regarding development of iron and steel industry in the ECAFE region, the U.N. Information Centre here announced today.

The agenda of the Calcutta meeting covers both basic and technical questions relating to the iron and steel industry. Data on various aspects of this industry, ranging from raw materials, production plans, equipment, fuel, research possibilities to intra-regional trade in raw materials and products have been prepared by the ECAFE Secretariat for consideration by Sub-Committee.

Food Analysts To Confer

MADRAS, March 23 (PTI): Under the joint auspices of the Ministry of Food and the Ministry of Health, Government of India, a conference of specialists in food analysis has been convened for March 27, at New Delhi, it is understood.

Police Attacked With Arrows

MIDNAPUR CLASH

TAMLUK, March 23. (UPI): Nearly 300 villagers, armed with crackers, daggers, bows and arrows, overpowered a police party when the latter was returning after search for some absconders in several villages under the Tamluk police station in Midnapur District, on March 16. The villagers shot arrows at the police party from behind a 'bundh' at Ponan and two policemen received slight injuries.

The police then opened fire and the mob dispersed.

CONGRESSMAN HURT

Mr. Bejoy Chakravarty, well-known Congress worker, was seriously stabbed yesterday morning at Dariania 'hat', under Tamluk police station in Midnapur District. The assailants, who numbered about half a dozen, reported to be Communists, escaped before the people at the 'hat' could secure them.

Mr. Chakravarty has been removed to hospital here in a serious condition.

The Sub-Divisional Magistrate on receipt of information, rushed to the spot.

CLASH WITH REDS

PATNA: Another Communist-police clash has been reported from the village of Dawil in Jamui Sub-division.

It is stated that the police went to the village to confiscate the property and house of one, Ramdhari Prasad, an active Communist worker of this Sub-division who had escaped from police custody. After the clash, the police arrested five Communists, who are alleged to have attacked the police the other day when they were attempting to arrest Ramdhari Prasad.

Meanwhile, about 25 women Communist supporters attacked the police party with lathis, brickbats etc. Some constables sustained injuries.

It may be recalled that three days ago, when a police party had gone to Dawil in order to arrest Ramdhari Prasad, Communist supporters of the village set upon the police party and in the melee which followed, Ramdhari Singh managed to make good his escape. So far there has been no trace of the wanted person.

REDS SHOT DEAD

SECUNDERABAD: In an armed encounter that took place on Tuesday last at Subbareddygudem Hills, two absconding Communists, Bodla Ramulu and Chakala Somulu, who are said to the responsible for several murders and dacoities, were shot dead by the Mirayalguuda Police.

One parachute rifle and 36 rounds of 303 ammunition were recovered from them. Three empty cartridges and some letters and cash were also recovered.

GET BACK MAHATMA'S STATUE FROM KARACHI

Plea To India Government

BOMBAY, Thursday (PTI).

A SUGGESTION that the Government of India should get back the statue of Mahatma Gandhi from the Pakistan Government and have it erected at the Kalyan Refugee Township has been made by Mr. Nanak G. Motwane, General Secretary of the Sind Hindu Seva Samiti, Bombay.

The statue, Mr. Motwane said in a statement here today, is the contribution of the Sind Hindus. "After the partition, all the statues of Hindu leaders in Karachi were damaged, such as the statues of Balgangadhar Tilak in front of the Khalikdina Hall, and Seth Harchandrai Vishandas, in front of the municipal office.

"It is also a matter of record that on August 14, 1947, our Mahatmaji's statue was made to wear a fez cap and a Pakistan flag was placed in the hands of the statue when Lord Mountbatten and the late Mr. Mohomedali Jinnah drove in state.

"On January 30, 1949,—the first "Shradh Day" of Mahatma Gandhi—the then Indian High Commissioner in Pakistan, Sri Prakasa, was not allowed even to garland the statue of Mahatma Gandhi.

"When no other statue has been blown away and not even a tree has fallen, it is difficult to believe how a strong bronze statue, well set in concrete, could be blown away."

Gandhiji's Statue Damaged By Mischief-Mongers?

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

KARACHI, March 21.

THE life size bronze statue of Mahatma Gandhi—the apostle of Truth and non-violence—standing in front of Pakistan's Parliament and Secretariat offices as also the Sind Chief Court, is now no more remaining there as a greatest 'eye-sore' to Pakistani officials and non-officials and its numerous visitors.

It is really a mystery that this solid statue, which till about the previous evening was standing firmly on its eight-feet high foundation, was seen this morning lying on the ground and in a damaged condition. Those who had seen it for the past few days could easily say that it is the deliberate work of mischief-mongers who, on account of roused feelings here following the disturbed conditions in Bengal, who have purposely pulled it down, not being contended with disfiguring it in the beginning. Moreover, there were no strong or gusty winds on Monday night which could be made responsible for the fall of this statue which has weathered five monsoons, and last year's cyclonic winds.

It is, therefore, really a mystery as to how the statue came down without the armed police guards, posted on the Secretariat and Chief Court buildings only a few yards away, coming to know of it in the course of their 24 hours continuous duty. It will be recalled, soon after the establishment of Pakistan an attempt was made to disfigure this statue but no material damage could be done as the statue was made of bronze.

Interim Compensation For Sind

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, March 23: A further instalment of Rs. 60 lakhs is stated to have now been provided by the Central Pakistan Government to Sind towards the claim for compensation for having taken over Karachi from the purview of the Sind Administration and making it a new Centrally-administered area.

With this amount received, the deficit of Rs. 61 lakhs in the next year's budget estimates for Sind, will be wiped out as was done in the previous year when the Pakistan authorities paid Sind their first instalment of Rs. one crore. These interim advances are made by the Pakistan Government pending the report of a special Board appointed in this connection to recommend the total amount of compensation to be paid to Sind.

I.N.T.U.C. Leaders Set Free

JALPAIGURI, March 23, (UPI): It is learnt that the Deputy Commissioner of Jalpaiguri has recently withdrawn the externment orders served in December last on three I. N. T. U. C. workers, namely, Ramumal Pharia, Bariar Majhi, and Mangaram Munda, office-bearers of Bhagatpur Chaa Sramik Union.

Wellesley College Honours Mrs. Pandit

WELLESLEY, Massachusetts, March 23—India's Ambassador to the United States, Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, was one of 11 international-prominent women honoured with degrees on March 17 on the occasion of the inauguration of the new President of Wellesley College, Dr. Margaret Clapp. At a dinner following the ceremonies, Mrs. Pandit was one of the principal speakers addressing the several hundred guests and members of the college.—USIS

SIMLA, March 23 (PTI): The labour strength employed on excavation of Bhakra main canal and its branches has increased over 19,000 during February this year, and a total of 584 lakh cft. Earth work was completed during the month, it was officially stated today.

VILLAGE CATTLE MAY BE POOLED

Food Commissioner's Suggestion

VELLORE, March 23 (PTI).—Mr. R K. Patil, Food Commissioner, Government of India, expressed the opinion that co-operative farming would go a long way to benefit the poor ryots.

For this purpose he suggested that the entire cattle in a village might be pooled together and made use of.

Mr. Patil, who with Mr. V. S Hejmadi, Madras Commissioner of Civil Supplies, arrived here yesterday afternoon, presided over a meeting of the North Arcot District Food Production Committee at the office of the District Collector.

He said his object in going over here was to find out how the food production committees functioned in the Madras State.

He reminded the members that the Government of India had decided to stop food imports by 1951 and India should become self-sufficient by then. The programme involved intimate co-operation between cultivators and the Government.

UNITED OPPOSITION TO LABOUR BILLS

Mazdoor Sabha And A.I.T.U.C. Move

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The hope that the Hind Mazdoor Sabha and the All-India Trade Union Congress would get together and present a united front to oppose the Labour Relations Bill and the Trade Unions Bill, which were recently introduced in the Indian Parliament, was expressed by Mr. R. S. Ruiker, President of the Hind Mazdoor Sabha, in a statement to the press today.

Mr. Ruiker said that he had discussed the possibility of united action on this issue with Mr. C. Chettiar, President of the All-India Trade Union Congress, who had expressed his willingness to get together with the Hind Mazdoor Sabha to oppose the two bills "which deprive the workers of their fundamental rights of strike and of participation in political activities."

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PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS SHOULD CO-OPERATE

Mr. G.L. Mehta's Advice To Bobbin Manufacturers

BOMBAY. Thursday.

A plea that there should be voluntary co-operation between the consuming industries like the cotton textile and jute mill industries and their accessory industries, like the bobbins industry, was advanced by Mr. G. L. Mehta, President of the Indian Tariff Board and member of the National Planning Commission, while inaugurating the annual general meeting of the All-India Bobbins Manufacturers' Association at Taj Mahal Hotel.

"It is of little avail to depend always upon tariffs and import restrictions for the development of our industries. Much can be done by voluntary co-operation and mutual assistance between manufacturers and organised consumers", he said.

Mr. Mehta urged the consuming industries to recognise their obligations towards the utilisation of indigenous products and also emphasised the necessity of quality products at competitive prices. He commended the voluntary co-operation between the jute mill industry and the bobbin industry, brought by the establishment of a liaison committee of both industries.

PREJUDICE

He dealt at some length with the recommendations of the present Tariff Board regarding the bobbins industry, particularly those relating to the utilisation of indigenous types of timber and stressed the need for the observance of strict standards and specifications in the manufacture of bobbins and the need for the industry having its own marketing organisation with a view to eliminating unhealthy competition amongst indigenous manufacturers of bobbins.

Earlier, referring to the existence of prejudice on the part of the cotton textile and jute mills towards indigenous bobbins, Mr. Mehta stated that it was partly due to the sellers' market during the war when any product could be sold and this fact had also damaged the reputation of manufacturers of good quality bobbins.

Mr. S. M. Khambatta, President of the Bobbin Manufacturers Association who welcomed Mr. Mehta explained the difficulties of his Association and regretted that the Government had not given full measure of protection to their industry. He claimed that today they were in a position to manufacture bobbins of quality equal to that of imported varieties.

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B. H. U. A. CONSIDER PROPOSALS

Decision Taken At General Body Meeting

(By Our Hockey Correspondent)

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Bombay Hockey Umpire's Association held a general body meeting this evening at the Municipal Sports Club and elected their new Managing Committee. The proposals put forth by the B. P. H. A. Umpires committee were also discussed and their counter proposals made.

The new managing committee is as follows:—Mr. Basil Sollis, President, Mr. A. J. Francis, Secretary, Mr. A. N. Desai, Treasurer, Mr. Cyril Pearce, Mr. V. Vishwanathan, and B. Abrahams, Committee Members: Messrs. T. G. Oliver and J. A. D'Mello were appointed auditors.

The proposals of the B.P.H.A. and the B.H.U.A.'s answers are given below:—

B.P.H.A. PROPOSAL NO. 1:—No action must be taken by the B.H.U.A. against those umpires who did duty for the B.P.H.A. after the affiliated association was superseded.

B.H.U.A.'s ANSWER: No victimisation, whatsoever.

B.P.H.A. PROPOSAL NO. 2: Twelve applicants that were examined and passed by the Sub-Committee appointed by the B.P.H.A. as qualified umpires must be registered by the B.H.U.A.

B.H.U.A.'s ANSWER: As these twelve applicants have passed their theory test and not yet passed their practical test, they would be qualified as umpires after they had completed their practical test.

B.P.H.A. PROPOSAL NO. 3: One second class umpire, that was promoted to Grade I by the sub-committee of the B.P.H.A. must be kept in that class by the B.H.U.A.

B.H.U.A.'s ANSWER: In fairness to other second class umpires of the B.H.U.A. the said umpire would not be promoted to Grade I until he qualified for it under the B.H.U.A. rules.

Coming to details of the third proposal which is about the Class II umpires promotion to Class I. I should say that Umpire Stevens who is the official concerned would have to qualify for his grade in the BHUA quite in fairness to all his colleagues who were in line with him before this body was superceded.

The action of the BHUA is quite justified in fairness to their rank and file who have stood through thick and thin and it would do the game in Western India a deal of good if the settlement which by now was delayed for a considerable time is arrived at sometime before the end of this week.

The Aga Khan Tournament is due to commence and if good supervision is seen among top class teams the standard of hockey served will be also of a better nature.

The BPHA would do well and would deserve the congratulations of all if they let bygones be bygones and turn a new leaf in this umpiring muddle waiving the latter part of their proposals.

BOOKMAKERS HOPE FOR MORE RAIN

LIVERPOOL, March 22, (PTI-Reuter): Heavy rain marked the opening of the spring meeting here today and unless strong winds and a warm sun come along the going for Saturday's big steeplechase, the world famous Grand National, will be soft and heavy.

This is what the bookmakers are hoping. Under such conditions a rank outsider invariably wins. The layers face a heavy settling if one of the better backed candidates comes home, for the Lincolnshire winner. Dramatic, had been coupled with the leading fancies in Saturday's race in the "spring double."

Dramatic has already taken a lot of money out of the books and if one of the "big four"—Freebooter, Monaveen, Roimond or Cromwell—wins it is going to be tough on the bookmakers.

Just how difficult the Aintree can be on a wet day and with soft conditions underfoot was shown today when in the two big steeplechases, only three out of seven runners did not fall in the first and only two out of fourteen kept up in the second. So it does not look as if more than a handful of the fifty odd starters will be on their feet at the end of Saturday's gruelling four and a half miles chase.

Some rank outsiders of the "Hunter" type are sure to be among them. Heavy going may not be to the liking of the conditions.

Princess Elizabeth has a slight cold but all are hoping not least the Princess herself, keen racing enthusiast that she is, that she will be in the Royal box at Aintree to watch the horse owns jointly with the Queen, make a bid for this coveted prize.

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

Cooperage

4-30 p.m. Don Bosco's vs St. Andrews (Junior Aga Khan semi-final).

5-40 p.m. Goa XI vs Bombay XI (Exhibition Game).

"LUSIS" WIN BY 4 CLEAR GOALS

Hayes Cup Hockey For Women

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Lusitanians women hockey team this evening gave a much improved display to beat Bombay Grey's "D" by four goals to nil in the Hayes Cup Tournament.

The second half was rather a busy one and once the first goal was registered the remaining came in quick succession.

The Lusis side were definitely on top throughout and it was more or less a one sided game.

The first half saw the score board blank after the Lusis forwards had missed many fine scoring oppurtunities Yvonne D'Souza was particularly to blame and she should have given her side at least three good goals if she had decided to part with the ball at the eight moment.

The second half saw Evelyn D'Souza the inner open her sides account with a close in shot. Then followed Mary D'Souza with a centre shot which the goalic failed to kick. The third goal was more than colourful for in a goalmouth scrimmage goalkeeper. Parekh of the Greys in a frantic effort to save sat on the ball and pushed it about. Umpire Nunes awarded a penalty bully and Evelyn D'Souza who took the Cully saw Parekh the Greys goalie kick the ball and foul—a goal was correctly registered.

Evelyn D'Souza went on to complete her sides tally a minute later from a nice close in position.

LUSITANIANS: T. Talati; E. D'Souza, R. D'Souza; D. D'Souza, P. D'Souza, A. Loveday; M. D'Souza, E. D'Souza, C. D'Souza, E. D'Souza, Y. D'Souza.

GREYS "D" Mrs. K. Parekh, M. Talati; P. Morris, S. Knight, L. Longman, E. D'Souza, R. Moses, P. Betagne, B. Tilby, H. Green, R. Holmes.

MONAVEEN SECOND FAVOURITE

Callover On Grand National

LONDON, March 22, (PTI-Reuter): Monaveen, the Royal challenger for next Saturday's Grand National at Aintree, became clear one hundred to nine second favourite at the Victoria Club callover tonight.

Public support for the horse, owned jointly by the Queen and her daughter Princess Elizabeth, has been strengthening daily and he is expected to challenge Freebooter as first market choice before the "off".

Freebooter eased half a point to fifteen to two.

Monaveen's stable companion, Cromwell, shares third place in betting with last year's runnerup, Roimond. Main hope of the Irish, Shagreen, shed another point to one hundred to seven while the price of Yorkshire trained Wot No Sun tumbled another three points and he is now a firm 25 to one chance.

Little change was shown in the others quoted although Russian Hero, last year's victor, was well supported, his price being cut two points to twenty to one.

Full betting: 15 to 2 Freebooter, 100 to 9 Monaveen, 100 to 8 Cromwell and Roimond, 100 to 7 Shagreen, 70 to one Russian Hero, 25 to 1 Wot No Sun and Castledermot 28 to 1 Cloncarrig, 33 to 1 Fighting Line Action Major and Gallery, 40 to 1 Angel Hill, Rowland Roy, Royal Mount, Soda, Inverlochy and Possible.

JAPAN'S RE-ENTRY INTO OLYMPICS

TOKYO, March 23, (PTI): Dr. Ryutaro Azuma, president of the Japanese Amateur Athletic Federation and chairman of the Japanese Olympic committee, has received an invitation to attend the meeting in May of the International Olympic Committee meeting in Copenhagen.

The invitation was sent by Mr. J. Sigfrid Edstrom, Swedish President of the International Olympic Committee, it was announced here today.

Mr. Ryozo Hiranuma, President of the Japanese Track and Field Athletics Association, has received a letter from Mr. Dan Ferris, secretary of the United States Amateur Athletic Union, stating that the United States will support Japan's application for re-entry to the International Amateur Athletic Federation during the Federation's meeting in Brussels next August.

Telegraph Inter-Dept. Cricket

The Reuters Cup Cricket Tournament which is conducted among the various departments of the Central Telegraph Supervisors and BAUDOT shared the senting the trophy to Mr. Cyril Peters Office in Bombay concluded on Sunday and ended in a draw. Engineering honours. Picture on the left shows Mr. Brown of Reuters, Bombay pre- of Engineering side. On the right is a group photo of both the teams.

Xavierians In Final

JUNIOR AGA KHAN HOCKEY TOURNEY

BOMBAY, Thursday.

St. Xavier's High School were lucky to enter the final of the Junior Aga Khan Hockey Tournament this evening at the Cooperage when they beat St. Stanislaus High Schools in the semi-finals.

Luck was really on the Xavierians side for though they were having a major share of the exchanges, but at a critical period Michael Andrades sent in a stinger which rose chest high and their goalkeeper Leo Fernandes put his chest to save a brilliant goal.

But then when full time saw no result forthcoming extra time was played and in the first session a sensational goal brought victory when Wilfred Rodrigues tried St. Stanislaus goalie Moraes and off the rebound Neville D'Souza the right inner scored.

Throughout the fifty minutes of play St. Xavier's were having the upper hand and they tested the rival custodian, but he rose to the occasion more than five times to save his side His uncanny anticiuation, and particularly for a youngster stood him in good stead.

Outstanding in the Xavierians side was Joseph Fonseca in defence and it is his experience in big hockey which gives him the ability to clear first time and with confidence. He was ably assisted by Ronnie Rodrigues and Vinicio Carvalho. Neville D'Souza and Wilfred Rodrigues were the main sources of danger in the forward line.

For the Bandraites, Michael Andrades the centre was prominent and was always seen to be making his presence felt with dashing moves. Goalkeeper Moraes was sound in his station.

The teams:

ST. XAVIER'S HIGH SCHOOL: Leo Fernandes; George D'Lima, Joseph Fonseca; Oscar Braganza, Ronnie Rodrigues, Vinicio Carvalho, Lilter D'Cunha, Neville D'Souza, Cecil D'Costa, Wilfred Rodricks and Jacob Carvalho.

ST. STANISLAUS HIGH SCHOOL: D. Moraes, F. Gonsalves, I. Andrade, Theo D'Silva, C. Rodrigues, R. D'Souza David Nunes, A. Creado, M. Andrade, L. D'Cruz, R. D'Souza.

PURSHOTTAM SHIELD TOURNAMENT

Semi-Finals To Be Played This Week-End

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The semi-finals of the Purshottam Shield Cricket Tournament will be held this weekend, and the following are the fixtures:—

Merry Maharashtrians vs. Mahim Juveniles at Parsee Gymkhana (Umpires: D. K. Naik and G. S. Richards).

Fort Vijay Cricket Club vs. United Karnatak Cricket Club at P. J. Hindu Gymkhana (Umpires: H. D. Billimoria and S. V. Gangoli).

The matches will start on Saturday at 2-30 p.m. and on Sunday at 10-30 a.m.

INVITATION HOCKEY CHAMPS

East Punjab Sikh Regiment won the Invitation Hockey Tournament which concluded at Bombay on Tuesday in their first appearance. The picture shows Mr. Chundasama, Commissioner of Police, Bombay being introduced to the winning team.

INDIA'S ABSENCE FROM DAVIS CUP REGRETTED

"Pakistan Has Stolen A March On Us" Says Mr. Durai

MADRAS, March 23. (PTI): Mr. J. Chinna Durai, foreign secretary of the All-India Lawn Tennis Association, told the Press Trust of India today that he very much regretted that India had not been able to send a team to challenge the Davis Cup this year.

"I do not think", he said, "the World will quite understand why India has stayed away from this International Championship after making such a splash in the world about the Championships of Asia.

"It cannot be said that we have not a strong team, as fortunately, we have in Dilip Bose in India the champion of Asia and other top players are nearly as good as Dilip".

Mr. Chinna Durai said that it would be very difficult for him "to explain away" India's absence from the contests this year. Besides, he said, "It would be demeaning to our dignity to have to confess that after all the limelight we have during the Championships of Asia and our newly acquired independent sovereign status that we are really so hard up financially that we cannot afford to send out a team to Europe".

"Apart from other things", Mr. Chinna Durai said, "It will be a big loss of face for us to be an absentee from the scene for the second year in succession".

The All-India Lawn Tennis Association, he said, was not to be blamed for in this connection, for it had recommended at its recent meeting at Allahabad to send a team for the Davis Cup contests. That decision was mandatory. "It remains a mystery to me", he added, "how this decision which was reached after great care and mature deliberation came to be overruled. There is also a serious principle involved here. Nobody subordinate to the All-India Lawn Tennis Association is competent to reverse its decision.

If this sort of thing keeps happening again and again there will be no meaning in the All-India Lawn Tennis Association meeting in force and passing resolutions. This tendency to curb or reverse the authority of the A.I.L.T.A. by subordinate bodies must cease, as otherwise, nobody in India would know where or how Indian tennis stand, and our tennis prospects and interests are bound to suffer seriously at home and abroad.

"I am distressed to think that Pakistan has stolen a march on us".

Calcutta Hockey League

CALCUTTA, March 23. (PTI): The Customs maintained their position at the top of the League Table by scoring their thirteen consecutive win when they beat St. Josephs, while Mohun Bagan, second in the list of aspirants, was forced to share points with Punjab Sports, in this evening's First Division Hockey League.

The results were: Customs 2, St. Joseophs 0; Mohun Bagan 1, Punjab Sports 1; Measurers 3, E. I. Railway 0; Greer 3, Mohammedan Sporting 0.

Canada Win Ice Hockey Title

SWEDEN GIVE THEM HARD FIGHT IN FINAL

LONDON, March 22, (PTI-Reuter): Canada won the world ice hockey title of 1950 here, playing right through the championships without dropping a point.

They were given their hardest game by Sweden tonight but ran out winners by three goals to one.

The United States finished runners—up, beating Norway 12—6 in the final match Their only defeat in the championships was inflicted by the fast—skating Canadians.

Switzerland who beat Britain 10—3 today were third and thus annexed the European title.

Following a consolation pool to decide minor placings Belgium finished seventh, Holland eighth and France ninth and last.

Uttar Pradesh In Last Eight

MERITORIOUS VICTORY OVER MADRAS IN NATIONAL HOCKEY

BHOPAL, March 23. (PTI): Uttar Pradesh scored a meritorious 2—0 victory over Madras in the second round of the National Hockey Championships here this evening.

With Uttar Pradesh's victory today the last stages of the championships have been reached and the following provinces will battle for the right of entry into the penultimate round in the order of draw: Bombay versus Mysore, Bhopal versus Bengal, Delhi versus Combined Railways and Uttar Pradesh versus Punjab.

Uttar Pradesh undoubtedly has a most formidable set of attackers so far seen in this tournament. Olympic insideright Babu gave another display of clever stickwork while insideleft Idris and centre-forward Sapru showed delightful opportunism and dash. Their understanding of each other's play proved too much for the tireless defenders of Madras. Inspite of Babu and Idris each wasting a sitter, Uttar Pradesh could have won by a greater margin but for the great goal keeping of Francis.

The Madras forwards, on the other hand, had every chance of scoring, however, they lacked good stickwork and finish. They beat the Uttar Pradesh on several occasion but could do little beyond forcing several abortive short corners.

Uttar Pradesh went into the lead in the third minute when Babu cut in fast to drive the ball into the far corner of the net from top of the circle. Babu and Idris next shot wide from point blank range and Francis brought off several grand saves from every one of the Uttar Pardesh forwards.

Mid-way through the second half Uttar Pradesh consolidated their position when Sapru dribbled past several Madras defenders to beat the rushing Francis with a neat scoop.

THE TEAMS: UTTAR PRADESH: Seth Hem Prakash and Harban Singh: Abidali, Husainali and Nabic: Premprakash, Babu, Sapru, Idris and Imtiaz.

MADRAS: Francis: Peeter and Murthy: Star, Velangani and Pannorselvam: Hurmatali, Sivaprkasam, Christian, Susayanathan and Rangadas.

INNINGS DEFEAT FOR MANAWATU

WELLINGTON, March 23. (PTI-Reuter): Australia's touring team in New Zealand today beat Manawatu by an innings and 83 runs.

Jack Iverson, the Victoria spin bowler, finished with a match analysis of 11 wickets for 49 runs. Ken Meuleman was top scorer for the Australians with 154.

Details: MANAWATU—1st innings—101: (L. Johnson 5 for 18; J. Iverson 5 for 27). 2nd innings—128 (Iverson 6 for 22).

AUSTRALIANS—(1st innings) 314 (for seven wickets declared): (K. Meuleman 154; W. Brown 65).

Downpour And Sundri Excel In Track Trials

By Our Track Reporter

BOMBAY, Thursday.

THE following track-trials have been noted at Mahaluxmi:—

RACE GRASS

MASKED LADY (Chavan) disposed of SATYAVATI (Whiteside) when covering six furlongs in 1 min. 20 secs.

OUTER TAN.

RAGHU (Chavan) was not fully extended when covering six furlongs in 1 min. 24-1/2 secs.

MAKARPURA (Chavan) was in hand when sent over seven furlongs. Timing 1 min. 39 secs.

LOYAL PRINCE (Chavan) went a mile gallop in 1 min. 49-1/2 secs. Excellent.

SUNDRI (R. B.) covered six furlongs attractively and clocked 1 min. 21-1/2 secs. Likely winner.

RIVIERA (R. B.) had the measure of FLIGHT & FANCY (Kan Singh) and SHANDANA (Chavan) when sent over four furlongs. She returned 51-1/2 secs.

TRUMAN (Kheem) shaped better than AYAAZ (Mulla) when covering a mile in 1 min. 55 secs. Both moved in hand.

BEGUM RITA (Mulla) covered five furlongs in 1 min. 9 secs.

RED CARNATION (Mulla) strode infront of PEGGOTTY (Gulamali) when engaged on slow work over five furlongs. Timing 1 min. 10-1/2 secs.

GAY GIRL (Dhanvade) covered four furlongs in 52-1/2 secs.

ANASUYA (Devaney) held PATRICIA (R. B.) when covering five furlongs in 1 min. 8 secs.

DOWNPOUR (Duffy) moved like a winner when sent along, with PANKAJ (Devaney) over six furlongs. Timing 1 min. 20 secs.

SIR GALAHAD (Shaikh) easily beat TORRENT (R. B.) when covering nine furlongs in 2 mins. 7 secs.

RUMBITA (Medhe) covered three furlongs in 37 secs.

ACCEPTANCES FOR SATURDAY'S RACES

The following are the acceptances for Saturday's races in Bombay:—

THE BELFRY PLATE (Div. II.)—6 Furs.

Sheribeen 8-12, Rumbita 8-12, Shangrilla 8-12, Kensington 8-12, Chandralekha 8-12, Coral 8-12, Anasuya 8-12, Fancy Girl 8-12, Takaiul 8-12, Quip 8-12, Krishnakamal 8-12, Diamond Cave 8-12, Fairy Gates 8-12.

THE KURLA PLATE—1 Mile 1 Fur.

Loyal Prince 9-4, Rajaji 8-13, Armina 8-10, Maniana 8-9, Cascade 8-8, Chrissie Darling 8-3, Royal Highness 8-0, Tarrick 7-13, Come On 7-12, Botticelli 7-11, V. Day 7-7, Dry Day 7-6, Malka 7-2, La Contesse 7-0.

THE SANTA CRUZ PLATE (Div. II) —1 Mile.

Paramount Powar 9-0, Filmindia 7-8, Windsor Knight 8-11, Saita 8-9, Princessa 8-9, Sunbathing 8-7, Battle Out 8-6, Lochinavar 8-5, London Tan 8-4, Chocolate Soldier 8-1, D. Day 8-0, Perseus 8-0, Dark Roy 7-12.

THE BELFRY PLATE (Div. I)—6 Furs.

Gay Radha 8-12, Masked Lady 8-12, Clementine 8-12, Amorette 8-12, Gay Girl 8-12, Celia 8-12, Sukanya 8-12, Queen of the Turf 8-12, Sundri 8-12, Satyawati 8-12, Pre Catalan 8-12.

THE DELTA PLATE.— 7 Furs.

New Moon 9-0, Raghu 8-11, Gay Piot 8-8, Full House 8-7, Flying Arrow 8-5, Manzoor 8-5, Flight of Fancy 8-5, Flotilla 8-3, Bhopal Star 8-2, Downpour 7-12, Pankaj 7-5.

THE MAHABLESHWAR PLATE.— 1 Mile.

Masquerade 9-4, Happy Go Lucky 8-10, Baaz Bahadur 8-9, Aan Baan 8-4, Abbess 8-7, Chocolate Baby 8-7, Star of Mahad 8-5, Blue Lotus 8-2, Pavan 8-2, Nirvana 8-1, Truman 7-12, Ayyaz 7-12, Repartee 7-4.

THE OWEN ROE PLAE.— 1¼ Mile.

Kabir 9-1, Army and Navy 9-0, Torrent 9-0, Brilliant Sunshine 8-10, Lalaji 8-8, Striding Edge 8-6, Chhoti Begum 8-4, My Pleasure 8-2, Progress 7-13, Jal Malhar 7-12, Crepe de Chine 7-8, Miss Rutty 7-6.

THE SANTA CRUZ PLATE (Div. I)— 1 Mile.

Nasrullah 9-0, Queen of Gwalior 8-13, Havana 8-12, The Girl Friend 8-11, Willow Stream 8-9, Makarpura 8-9, Riviera 8-8, Sohni 8-7, Musafir 8-6, The Cavalier 8-6, Bihari 8-4, Shah Predoon 8-3, Pick Money 8-3, Lady Cleopatra 8-1.

INTER-OFFICE TENNIS

Mahindra And Mahindra Qualify For Final

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mahindra and Mahindra qualified for the final of the Inter Office Tennis Tournament played this evening at the Hindu Gymkhana Courts They beat Khatau's

Ads India qualified for the semi-final round where they meet Edward Textiles by this evening accounting for Times of India "B".

The following were the results.

ADS INDIA BEAT TIMES OF INDIA "B".

C. L. Savara and Fatehsinghi Hull and Agusto 5-6, 6-2, 6-4 beat C. S. Andrade and Lahoti 6-0, 6-0.

Panjwani and partner lost to Andrade and Lahoti 0-6, 2-6.

Panjwani and partner beat Hill and Agusto 2-4, 4-6 (time limit).

MAHINDRA AND MAHINDRA BEAT KHATAUS

Mahindra Singh and partner beat N. D. G. Rao and R. M. Khatau 4-6, 5-5, 6-4 beat N. M. Shinde and Sarangapani 1-6, 3-4 (time limit).

Swaminathan and partner lost to N. D. G. Rao and partner 1-6, 2-6, beat N. M. Shinde and Sarangapani 6-5, 6-4.

INDIAN POLO TEAM WINS AGAIN

Last Match Of Tourists In Delhi

NEW DELHI, March 23. (PTI) —one of the finest matches witnessed in Delhi for years, the Indian Polo Association won the third and the last match against La Concepcion, the Argentine team, by nine goals to six this evening.

La Concepcion won the first match by seven goals to six and the Association the second by ten goals to five.

There was an unusally big attendance today. Among the audience were President Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Prime Minister Pandit Nehru and foreign diplomats.

Before the start of the game, the teams were presented to the Prime Minister by General Cariappa.

At the end of the match, General Cariappa made an appeal for Polo funds. Maharaja of Jaipur opened the account with Rs. 500.

It was a well contested game in which both sides put in their best. Though it cannot be gainsaid that the better side won, Zavelitta brothers combined extremely well and Prem Singh, the number four who usually plays in the second position, scored most of the goals for the foreigners.

Jaipur, known the world over for his polo, and Hanut Singh, one of the best in the world, it must be said to their credit, that they were pitched against very heavy odds. It is believed, however, that if Argentinians had their own players, one of whom died at Jaipur, playing for them. They would have fared better. They had, besides, the disadvantage of riding horses, howsoever good, not their own. Jose initiated some fine moves and Prem Singh hardly missed a chance excepting twice in the fifth and sixth chakkar, when he hit the ball a little off the mark.

For India, the Maharaja of Jaipur, their number four, was the pillar of strength. He baffled the Argentine forwards time and again.

Hanut Singh who with Jaipur scored most of the goals was in good form. Prithvi Singh, at least for once, delighted the crowds with his pre-war excellence of game when he scored a beautiful goal from a difficult angle in the last chakkar.

La Concepcion, the Argentine Polo Team will play its last match in Delhi tomorrow against the Indian Army

OLYMPIC XI TO PLAY REST OF INDIA

Exhibition Hockey Match At Bhopal

BHOPAL, March 23. (PTI). The presence in Bhopal of almost all the members of the Indian Olympic Hockey team that retained the country's position as the world champions in London in 1948 will be utilised by matching them against the Rest of India on Sunday, March 26.

The organisers of this year's National Hockey Championships have received the necessary sanction from the Indian Hockey Federation for staging this match.

The Olympic team will be selected from the following players:

Pinto (Bombay) goal, Trilochan Singh (Punjab), right half. Gentle or Walter D'Souza (Bombay) left back, Keshav Dutt or Claudius (Bengal) right half, Amir Kumar (Bombay) centre half, Maxie Vaz (Bombay or Jaswant (Bengal) left half, Kishanlal (Bombay) outside right Babu (Uttar Pradesh) inside right, Balbir Singh (Punjab) centre forward, Udhan Singh (Punjab) inside left, Lawrie Fernandes (Bombay) outside left.

The team representing the Rest will be selected tomorrow by the following: Ewaz Ate (Uttar Pradesh) M L. Kapur (Punjab), Abdul Shakoor (Bhopal) and R. D. Bhalla, Secretary of the Indian Hockey Federation.

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THE SAYAJIRAO UNIVERSITY

The establishment of the Maharaja Sayajirao University marks the final stage of progress made by Baroda in the sphere of education under the previous Government. As a centre of higher and specialised education, it makes a welcome addition to the class of institutions of its type in the State of Bombay. Its importance lies particularly in the fact that it is a unitary and residential university. Among its commendable features should be counted the faculties of Fine Arts and Home Science. The address delivered by the Vice-Chancellor, Mrs. Hansa Mehta, at the inauguration of the senate indicates that the university has made a good start with a donation of Rupees 98 lakhs, 262 bighas of land and several buildings and, moreover, with a promise of an annual block grant of Rupees 20 lakhs by the preceding Government of Baroda; and then followed the merger which has probably delayed the payment of the block grant. Although the university appears to have been well provided in the stage of its inception, its need of a substantial amount every year for maintenance cannot be denied.

The merger has devolved upon the Government of Bombay the obligation of running and developing educational institutions included in the ceded territories; and among them the Maharaja Sayajirao University stands foremost. Even in the absence of this university, the Government having accepted the liabilities and reasonabie commitments of the previous regime in Baroda, was expected to provide funds for the maintenance and expansion of the various educational institutions of Baroda; and then the day-to-day administration of such institutions would have been an additional responsibility. The emergence of the university under an act of the popular Government of Baroda does not make any difference in the financial obligations of the Government of Bombay. The university has begun to function with an ambitious plan of higher education in its various branches. Being a residential institution, it is likely to play a useful role in propagation of higher education in this state privided it continues to progress. We, therefore, trust that the Government will proceed to supply its legitimate demands regularly and the public will also extend to it the patronage it deserves.

A Lame Excuse

The British White Paper on the Seretse Khama affair has only made matters worse not for the Bamangwato chieftain but for the Government themselves. It is the sort of defence that serves even more effectively to condemn the action it is intended to justify. The White Paper says that the merits and demerits of mixed marriages was not the issue. That it was the main, in fact, the sole, issue in the background of the whole affair is sufficiently revealed by the apologia in the London "Daily Herald" which, only a few days ago, sought to justify the sentence of exile on Seretse Khama by drawing a parallel between the case of Seretse and that of the Duke of Windsor who had to abdicate because he chose a marriage which provoked popular disapproval. The analogy is palpably false because the suggestion is a deliberate myth that Seretse Khama's tribe objected to the marriage. Nothing is a more indisputable fact than that his tribe has accepted, in open demonstration and despite official efforts against it, Seretse's marriage. The more the British authorities and their apologists insist on a myth that has been so well exposed, the more strongly they confirm in the eyes of the world the arbitrary injustice of their action.

But if the organ of the Labour Party, which the "Daily Herald" is, admits through its alleged analogy that the whole trouble arose out of Seretse's marriage, there is no sense in the assertion by the Labour Government that the merits or demerits of mixed marriages was not the issue. This is not all. The Labour Government has virtually exposed the whole sordid transaction by admitting that it has deliberately suppressed the report of the official commission of Inquiry and by the arguments it has advanced for its decision. Certain arguments and views expressed by the Commission in its report were unacceptable to the Government and with which they could not associate themselves. They were, in fact, so objectionable and presumably wild and irresponsible, that, according to the White Paper, "the danger that such parts of the report would be quoted without its being made clear that they had not the approval of Government is so great that the report cannot be published". What are those arguments and views advanced by the White Commission which are so objectionable that the British Government shudders even to contemplate the danger of their being misunderstood as Government's own? And what justification has the British Government to assure the world of the rightness of the "unanimous" anti-Seretse advice given by the very men, who have been responsible for expressing, in the same report, arguments and views which have almost horrified the British Government? It is easy and quite safe to publish those parts that are objected to by the British with a clear statement to that effect. And no one will accuse the British Government of approving what they specify as unacceptable. The excuse for suppressing the report does not hold water. And in view of the admission by the Government themselves of dangerous views and arguments advanced by the Inquiry Commission, the entire case of the British Government is revealed as utterly worthless and the theory is further confirmed that it is prestige of the white race and colour prejudice that is at the bottom of the entire trouble and of the action against Seretse Khama.

Communism And Communalism

Nothing new was brought to light by Mr. M. S. Kannamwar (Madhya Pradesh) when he drew the Government's attention in Parliament to the encroachment of Communist elements in colleges. Communism has not spared educational institutions, because the youth with unstable mind are known to have been susceptible to the appeal of emotional politics; and experience has shown that persons with revolutionary plans have found, in educational institutions, a fertile soil to seek recruits for their movements. The prevalence of communism in the student-world hardly needs any proof. What is wanted now is its complete eradication. Mr. Kannamwar's remedy is education designed in such a manner as to neutralise the tendency to subversive activities. Theoretically he is right, but he should have indicated how the system of education, which he has in view, should be planned. Not less harmful than communism to students are reactionary and undemocratic ideologies; and they, too, will have to be counteracted. The Government has been alive to the growing menace of communism and communalism to education. It should also be in readiness to check the Pakistan mentality casting its shadow on the younger generation. A startling revelation was made by Bihar's Revenue Minister in the Assembly that some Muslim officers of the Government of Bihar were getting their children educated in Pakistan. This is a serious state of affairs and, therefore, needs to be thoroughly investigated. Such students trained in the tradition of aggressive communalism of Pakistan will, if they return to India, further vitiate the political atmosphere of educational institutions. Intrusion of communism and bias towards communalism in any form are bound to militate against propagation of liberal education which is the ideal of democratic and secular India. The Government, we hope, will give serious thought to the urgency of averting the danger of such destructive forces to education.

For Trade Not For Sale

There is an interesting anecdote reflecting the mentality that is said to have developed in the Spanish Province of Catalonia where uprightness and commercial honesty were always comparable with those of Britain—says a Briton

Senor A offers Senor B a carload of sardine tins at 18,000 pesetas. Senor B sells them for 30,000 pesetas to Senor C and he, for 40,000 pesetas to Senor D. Finally Senor E, a far-sighted man afraid of dying from hunger should there be a war, acquires the carload for 56,000 pesetas Three days later Senor E telephones indignantly to Senor D. "I've been cheated," he cries into the phone. "You sold me a carload of sardine tins and now it turns out that the tins are empty." At the other end of the wire Senor D exclaims: "But, man alive. Why did you open the tins? They were not to eat. They were just to do business with".

Thought For The Day

Act well at the moment, and you have performed a good action to all eternity.—Lavater.

Tete-a-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT.

Certain arguments were advanced in the report, and views expressed which could not be accepted by Government and with which they could not associate themselves, the White Paper said.

"The danger that such parts of the report would be quoted without its being made clear that they had not the approval of Government is so great that Government have decided that the report cannot be published", the document went on.

—British Government's explanation re—Seretse Khama affair.

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Addressing the staff of his Bombay newspaper, Seth Rama Krishna Dalmia, the Man with one life but many life-Causes, said in regard to "One World" Government that he had not drifted from that ideal but the present was not the proper time to devote time to it.

The present is, of course, the time which urgently calls for the devotion of time to the advocacy of the ideal of several world governments through the creation of different theocratic states.

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During the war years, Seth Dalmia is reported by his paper to have said, he had earned money through "sinful ways."

What, What, WHAT? G—g—good heavens and let's change the topic quick.

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In a broadcast speech, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan referred to the disturbances in East Bengal and said, ".... I have been very much pained at these happenings and I have nothing but condemnation for these incidents."

"Nothing but ..."? Not even the ifs and buts in the same speech?

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Official quarters in New Delhi are reported surprised over the statement by the Secretary of the Pakistan Newspaper Editors' Conference that there are only three or four correspondents of Pakistan newspapers in India, whereas as many as 56 correspondents are authorised to file telegrams without prepayment from India to newspapers and newsagencies in Pakistan, let alone the numerous stringers all over India supplying news by mail to Pakistan papers.

But what is surprising about it? In fact, by reducing the figure only to one sixteenth or one fourteenth of the actual the Secretary has rather failed to do full justice to the ethical code observed by the leaders and prophets of Pakistan journalism.

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According to a British Foreign Office announcement, Sir Alexander Cadogan, Britain's "perfect diplomat", as PTI-Reuter puts it, whose suave, hard hitting speeches often annoyed the Soviet delegates, is retiring from his post as permanent British representative on the Security Council.

And what could have been a more fitting curtain for this "perfect diplomat", whose suave, hard hitting speeches often annoyed the Soviet delegates, than his last oration in sponsoring the 4-Power resolution on Kashmir?

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A London report suggests that the Executive of the British Labour Party is going to take a grave view of the pro-Seretse Khama speech recently made at a demonstration by Mr. Fenner Brockway, M.P.

We should be surprised if the Executive didn't. Mr. Brockway's anti-white performance was such a disgrace to Britain and—the British Labour Party.

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According to a "New York Times" report, General Li Tsung-jen, former active President of China, has announced his plan of returning to his native South China in six months time to assume command of half a million guerillas.

We are relieved to note that he is in no rash hurry.

Behind Pakistan's Iron Curtain

A TALE OF HORROR HATRED AND HYSTERIA

By Wilfred Lazarus

BEHIND Pakistan's "Iron Curtain" in East Bengal! I wouldn't like to think of it, for it is a tale of horror, hatred and hysteria a tale of human degradation.

Horror is written large on the face of every non-Muslim in East Bengal. It is not the type of horror associated with war-time conditions among civilised people but horror of the jungle, of man-turned-beast.

A hymn of hate echoes on all sides — hatred preached by man against man, in the name of religion, but essentially in the interests of political profit, greed and revenge. There is mass hysteria—on the part of the persecutors and the persecuted alike. It looked as if men had lost their reason, had forgotten their Creator. I can think of 'behind the iron curtain" only in terms of a mad house, a vast prison the workshop of satan —or a combination of all three.

Mr. Wilfred Lazarus, the author of this article., is a staff correspondent of the Press Trust of India. He was externed from East Bengal by the Pakistan Government on the charge that his news despatches were "entirely false and grossly exaggerated." In reply the P.T.I. stated that as no facilities were granted to journalists to visit the riot affected areas Mr. Lazarus' dispatches were based on first hand information, received from persons (including a Pakistan Minister) who had visited the scenes of disturbances.

ONE URGE

The Hindu minority of East Bengal — nearly one-third of the population—today faces a situation the like of which they had never known before. While official declarations profess peace and quiet inside the province, the fact remains that with pent-up hearts, large masses of these people are daily on the move with one urge "to cross the border." The minorities find themselves like suffocated men and behave in the same exasperated and frantic manner. Shrouded in panic and fear they feel the monster of "insecurity" grinding its ugly teeth at them. Leaving their homes and life's earning in Pakistan they are making for a green pasture on the other side of the border. It is not common for a large mass of people belonging to a particular social order to leave their homes and nearths without sufficient provocation. In the history of the Indian sub-continent riots are nothing new, but one never heard of mass exodus of people owing to riots.

What has happend in East Bengal was organised political "Pogrom", similar to those resorted to by Nazis. That the police officials have had a great hand in these events have been conclusively proved and a member of the Pakistan Constituent Assembly,Mr. K. K. Datta, stated publicly that he could not help feeling that things that happened here were "organised."

OFFICIAL LEAD

There is no getting away from the fact that the lead was shown by official quarters which gave a free hand to armed miscreants of the majority community who held sway over different parts of East Bengal for a few days, completely dislocating the edifice of law and order in the province. Consequently the members of the minority communities who were the sufferers, today wail under the shadow of a great tragedy with their faith in law and order rudely shaken and their confidence lost.

Whatever be the causes adduced to these events by official quarters, the fact remains that throughout the State, it was the minorities who were killed, it was their homes which were looted and burnt, it was their temples and ashrams desecrated and plundered. it was their women who were abducted and ravished and it was they who underwent threats of forcible conversion or extinction.

LOGICAL SEQUEL

The reasons are not far to seek. Consistent anti-Indian and anti-Hindu propaganda by ministers and Muslim leaders, persistently carried on since partition, created a feeling of hatred in the minds of even the lowest strata of Muslims against the minorities. What has happened is not a sudden outburst of communal frenzy, but a logical result of the policy followed by the East Bengal Government.

Distrust of Hindus was sedulously preached both from the press and platform. Even responsible ministers have expressed their distrust of Hindus in their utterances both in public and in the legislature. Any criticism of the Government by Hindu members of the legislature is construed as a criticism of the majority community who completely monopolise the cabinet the minorities having no representation therein whatsoever.

A Hindu critic is always a fifth columnist, saboteur or a traitor, while a Muslim can never be wrong. There have been several instances where minorities have complained against the behaviour of the majority community members. Quite often, it has happended, that the complainant finds himself in the role of a culprit.

BACK TO FANATICISM

The policy of the Government since partition had been to stage a comeback to fanatical bigotry. It was preached by Government members and press that minorities were "Zimmis", and this treatment of minorities as a sort of "Vassals" made the majority Muslims feel that they were at their mercy at every turn.

This "Zimmi" attitude on the part of the Government was often resented by the minorities as they were dubbed as inferiors and not co-equals. The attempt has been made to reduce Hindus to the position of "hewers of wood and drawers of water". The argument usually advanced by Muslim leaders was that if Hindus could be slaves under British for centuries, why not under the Muslims now?

And what is more, since partition, all Hindus were dispossessed of their arms which were later cheaply sold to Muslims in every locality. Hindu houses have been largely requisitioned for Government purposes while Muslim houses were left untouched Hindu leaders could be arrested at the slightest pretext while Muslims escape with impunity. Attempts were made to oust Hindus from trade and business which required Government permits and were seldom granted.

This "shabby" treatment of the minorities created a false sense of importance and arrogance in the minds of sections of the Muslims who took it into their heads that they were the custodians of law and order and the minorities had no voice in the matter

As has been proved by the recent disturbances throughout East Bengal, the modus operandi everywhere has been to lay hands on members of the

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

The Medicine Quota

The report that the Bombay Government intends to circularise its officials that they should not apply for the emergency permits that entitle individuals to secure six ounces of brandy for medical purposes, is strange. Even in the restricted sphere of the Excise and Prohibition Departments, it is doubtful whether this restriction is quite correct. If it is permissible for medical purposes, then it should be allowed to all. The fact that certain persons are in these two departments, does not render them immune to ailments. Instead of going into all these very complicated and tiresome problem. it would be much more sensible to cut the medical dose out for all. If anyone is ill enough to drink, the doctor should be able to prescribe it just as he prescribes any other drug.

Gandhiji's Statue

A few days ago a full size bronze statue of Mahatma Gandhi was found uprooted from its pedestal and found lying on the road in Karachi. It was alleged that a strong gust of wind in the night was responsible for the act and the statue was removed to a local museum. Mr. Jamshed Nusserwanji Mehta, a prominent citizen of Karachi, made solicitous enquiries and asserted in a press statement that the Pakistan authorities had assured him that the statue would be restored to its original position as soon as the damage caused was repaired. A press note to similar effect has been issued by the Pakistan Government. This should not have caused any comment except for the fact that a deliberate but futile attempt was made by Goondas to damage the statue, 15 days before it was unveiled by Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, in 1945. One naturally wonders whether a similar attack has not taken place on the statue this time. The statement issued by the sculptor, who made the statue, shows that it was a solid bronze, firmly embedded in a solid stone pedestal and could not have fallen down in the breeze. He points out that even a severe cyclone in 1948 had failed to knock down any one of the numerous statues in Bombay. A further clarification from Karachi will be eagerly awaited by all and if it is found that it is the work of some miscreants we would like to know what action is being taken. If it is not possible to let Mahatma Gandhi's statue stand in dignity in Karachi, no doubt India would be glad to take charge of the statue if Pakistan hands it over.

Cotton Prices

Mr. L. F. H. Goodwin, the incoming President of the Chamber of Commerce, warned the Government in his speech that, if the policy of fixing ceiling rates of cotton below world parity were continued no real progress could be achieved towards making India self-sufficient in raw cotton. Raja Maharaj Singh, Governor of Bombay, addressing the members of the Chamber observed on this particular question that, if textile control was to continue control over cotton was also imperative. We have no objection to the control continuing but the main issue is about fixing the price. It was during the last war that the Government fixed floor and ceiling prices which still continue in this country. The control was justified for two reasons: First, to make available cloth to the masses at reasonable rates and the second, to devote more area to food crops. But the result now arrived at is that we are running short of supplies of raw cotton owing to small crops in this country and loss of long staple cotton from Pakistan. India was an exporting country of raw cotton to Japan, China and the continent. But today we have to import raw cotton from Egypt, Uganda, Brazil and the United States of America paying a much higher price as compared with the control prices of raw cotton in this country. Some months back we had huge stocks of cloth lying uncleared with our mills, but devaluation of our currency resulted in a great demand of Indian cloth This demand was prompted because of cheapness of price, due to the below-world parity level fixed by the Government and the 30 per cent advantage derived from devaluation. If there were not the main reasons for the big export demand, why were huge stocks of cloth piled with mills before the devaluation period? It is no use to shut our eyes to realities. The law of supply and demand is sure to force us to realise the folly of exporting cloth at unreasonably low price.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Decontrol Salt

The manufacture, distribution and sale of salt is on the Union List in the new constitution of India. On the other hand salt is still controlled in several provinces under Provincial Salt Control Orders, which have created absolute monopoly of the district nominees at the consuming centres. On account of these Control Orders the consumers have to obtain salt at a great inconvenience and on account of the monopoly of the district nominees they have to pay exorbitant high prices of salt, as all the doors of competition are closed. There are several provinces where there are no Statutory Salt Control Orders and where the public is getting this essential commodity without any trouble and at the cheapest rates

The Minister for Industry and Supply during the current session of the Dominion Parliament declared that (a) there was plenty of salt available in the country, (b) there would be no scarcity of salt whatsoever in any part of India, (c) the estimated production of salt in the year 1950 was 700 lakh maunds against the estimated consumption of 650 lakh maunds i.e. 50 lakh maunds more than our actual demand, (d) the import of salt in the year 1950 would be 30 lakh maunds against 120 lakh maunds each year in 1947 and 1948, and (e) the Government were not anxious to continue control in respect of any commodity longer than was necessary.

The year 1949 closed with a carry over stock of nearly 3-1 2 core maunds of salt, which was 50 lakh maunds more than the preceding year and which represents about six months' requirements of the country. The production season is over head The position of the movement of salt is said to be improving and the Government in future should also afford all possible facilities for transporting salt from the sources according to the monthly quota fixed for each district.

The facts mentioned above make out a very strong case for immediately withdrawing the Provincial Salt Control Orders and allowing free and competitive sale of salt at the consuming centres, which would make the supplies available to the consumers conveniently and at the most competitive rates Most of the energy of the Government at present wasted on unproductive matters will be saved, which can be well utilised for raising the production and improving the quality of salt in the country. It is hoped that the Salt Advisory Committee would also give its considered thought to this subject and would bear influence over the Government for the abolition of Salt Control Orders, which Mahatma Gandhi—the father of Nation—had so strongly advocated

—GHANSHYAM DASS BANGAN.
Secretary, The Salt Merchants' Association Ltd., Sambhar-Lake.
Sambhar-Lake

Postal Holiday On Sunday

The speech of Mr R. A. Kidwai Minister for Communications in the Parliament at New Delhi on 21st March 1950, providing for complete closure of all post offices and postal services on all Sundays from 1st May 1950 has caused a shock and surprise. While the granting of weekly holiday, half or full for rest is no doubt a necessity but the wholesale closure of essential public service is strongly objected to

There is no such closure of postal services anywhere and it was never done in past. Essential and public utility services such of Post, Telegraph, Railway Air Ways, Transport, Public Vehicles, Gas, Electricity, Water, Telephone, Sanitation, Medical, Police, can never be closed for full days absolutely in the interest of public. There is no justification of wholesale closure of services simply for granting a weekly holiday to staff which could be managed by a little extra-cost.

The question should be considered for essential public services as closure of services entirely will have adverse effects on so many other factors which also cannot be neglected

—C. C. SUTARIA.

What Is Communism?

ENEMY OF RELIGION

(BY A STUDENT OF POLITICS)

COMMUNISM is the enemy of religion. Its enmity takes two different forms, depending on the time and place. One form is unconcealed persecution; the other form is outwardly a compromise, but really an attempt to use religion for its own purposes. The idea of any religion existing independently of the Communist state is intolerable to the Communis dictators.

Communism's basic philosophy is anti-religious. One of the founders of Communism described religion as "the opiate of the people."

From 1917 to 1942, Russian leaders did their utmost to exterminate all forms of religion—Judaism as well as Christianity The Government confiscated church buildings and properties It converted churches into schools, clubs, factories, and anti-religious museums. Anti-religious demonstrations were organized, and the priesthood was systematically insulted by members of the Communist Youth Association. A number of the clergy were jailed or executed. The number of Orthodox churches in Russia declined from 46,000 in 1917 to 4,300 in 1941. Similar measures were taken against Mohammedanism, a religion which had many million followers in the Soviet Union.

TEMPORARY TOLERATION

At the same time, in order to gain the sympathy and military help of the United States, Russia realised that some relaxation of the anti-religious persecutions was desirable.

For two reasons, therefore—namely to combat German propaganda, and to gain sympathy in the Western democracies—the Soviet Government in 1942 changed its policy from open and official persecution of religion to a policy of permitting religions to exist, but strictly as puppets of the Communist state.

The Soviet authorities did not remove all restrictions on religion, and those that have been removed can quickly be restored. Furthermore the authorities have intensified, rather than halted, the anti-religious teaching of Soviet youth. Russians were permitted to worship the gods of their choice, provided they could find churches that had not been demolished or turned into anti-religious museums; if they could find priests not afraid to emerge from hiding, and if they themselves were not afraid to risk official displeasure.

PUPPET PATRIARCH

In 1943, Stalin received a delegation of leading Russian churchmen; and shortly thereafter the Orthodox Church was permitted to hold a council of bishops to elect a Patriach. They chose Alexei, who could be counted on to follow the dictates of the Soviet Government faithfully.

At the same time, some of the restrictions on Muslim activities were lifted, and an attempt made use to the religion of Islam as a puppet.

The Orthodox Church, now an important puppet of the Communist State, is used as a counterweight against the Roman Catholics, of whom there are large numbers in the satellite states bordering Russia in Europe. It is well known that the Roman Catholic Church is one of the strongest world influences against Communism. The Communist rulers of the satellite countries are at present in conflict with the Catholics.

COMMUNISM V. CATHOLICISM

The persecution of Cardinal Mindszenty in Hungary constituted one of the important battles in this struggle The Communist rulers of Hungary attempted to persuade Mindszenty to become a puppet. Upon his refusal, they arrested him on fabricated charges and condemned him to a long prison term. They then placed the Catholic Church so far as possible under the control of clergymen on whose docility they could rely

Similar action is taking place in Poland, Czechoslovakia, and other satellite countries. In Bulgaria, the Christian Protestant Church has recently been subjected to Communist control A similar struggle is taking place in Czechoslovakia

In Asia, Communist opposition to independent religion pursues a parallel course. In China, the Communists have submitted Christian and other missionaries to persecution. In some cases they have been executed or imprisoned in other cases they have been "allowed to continue their work provided they would preach atheism" The Chinese Catholic Bishop, Paul Yu-Pin, recently stated in a press interview that the Chinese Communists are the enemies of all religion

IN INDO-CHINA

In Viet Nam, the Communist leaders have pursued a more cautious policy, attempting to win over the Catholics, Buddhists, and other religious sects. They have organised National Welfare Associations of Catholics and Buddhists, under the leadership of persons whom they can be sure of controlling. This has deceived a number of truly religious persons. But the fundamentally anti-religious character of the Communist leaders of Viet Nam is now becoming increasingly obvious.

This can be proved from the following circumstances. Two of the greatest religious organizations in Viet Nam are the Cao-Dai and the Hoa-Hao. The Cao-Dai is a mixture of a number of religions; the Hoa-Hao is Buddhist. These two organizations were among the strongest adherents of the nationalists after the Japanese surrender, and co-operated with the Communists against the French. But in the past two years they have become disillusioned, and are supporting the French against the Communists.

In any country of the world, whether the attitude of the Communists towards religion be one of open hostility or of temporary tolerance, the objective is clear. It is either to destroy religion completely, or to make it the slave of the Communist State. When religion becomes a slave, it is reduced to impotence; and in due course it can be destroyed.

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30 LEADING HINDUS OF E. BENGAL ARRESTED

KARIMGANJ March 23 (UPI):— About 30 leading Hindus including the Kulaura, Mr. Mohini Mohan Kar, and 72-year-old influential zamindar of Byomkesh Das and Kripesh Chandra prominent Congress leaders like Messrs Bhattacherjee, were arrested by the police at Maulavi Bazar, a sub-division town of Sylhet district in East Pakistan, according to a report received here

The police also arrested two progressive Muslims Mr Mahmud Ali, former Secretary of the Assam Provincial Muslim League and Editor of 'Naobelal' and Mr Matasir Ali, a prominent Muslim League leader.

TERRIBLE FAMINE IN CHINA

Government May Appeal To World Organisations For Aid

HONG KONG, March 22, (PTI-Reuter): Millions of people in Communist China face starvation.

The official Communist radio and news agency are increasingly admitting the seriousness of the impending tragedy by publishing descriptions of appalling conditions already prevailing in some provinces.

Usually reliable sources here said that the Government was negotiating with Saim for supplies of rice, but that so far the two countries had not agreed on a method of payment.

Political observers in Hong Kong doubted whether the Peking Government would ever make an official appeal to the west for assistance, as this would be embarrassing.

But the observers believed that Peking would unofficially welcome assistance from the west, including help from the numerous relief agencies formerly identified with China, as long as this relief, once inside China, was entirely controlled by the Government.

Travellers arriving here from Northern China claimed today that the Communists were continuing to deliver flour from Soviet Russia. They said four mills in Tientsin were helping to bring out part of the present commitment of 400,000 tons.

LETTERS FROM CHINA

Letters smuggled out from China to missionaries and other organisations paint a grim picture of conditions in some areas.

A missionary said here today that recent letters he had received said many people in rich southern Kiangsi province were commiting suicide because Communist authorities were requisitioning the entire stocks of granaries.

Farmers in Southern Anwhei were deliberately flooding their fields.

Thousands were said to be trekking northward from Shantung in the hope of finding food and employment in Manchuria.

The letter added that the normally prosperous farmers of Hunan had to eat their seed rice, which ment there would be no crop next year.

REFUGEES POURING INTO E. BENGAL

Pakistan Premier's Statement

KARACHI, March 23 (PTI-Reuter): Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Khan said on his arrival at Mauripur airfield this afternoon from Dacca that the influx of refugees into East Bengal still continued at "a heavy rate."

The rate of influx, he said, could be judged from the fact that nearly 3 50,000 refugees had already been registered in East Bengal. "There are others who are not registered", the Prime Minister stated.

He added that the East Bengal Government were preparing plans for the rehabilitation of those who cannot go back, "and with regard to others we are hoping that such conditions will be created in India as to enable them to be able to go back.

"The Centre will give whatever assistance is necessary to meet the situation," Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan stated in reply to a questin whether the East Bengal Government had asked for any help for the rehabilitation and care of the refugees.

AWAITING TRANSPORT

DACCA: About sixteen thousand evacuees coming from different parts of Dacca are now waiting at Narainganj station to avaid of the steamer-service on their way to India. Owing to paucity of accommodation only two thousand of them could be sent to Goalundu during the last three days. The remaining fourteen thousand have been accommodated in three camps started by the Provincial Peace Committee. A considerable section of the refugees are being given free food by local merchants.

Stop Press

FOODGRAINS REPORT

LUCKNOW, March 23 (PTI): The Foodgrains Investigation Committee will submit its report to the Government of India by the end of April, it was learned today.

RESERVATION TO GO

LUCKNOW, March 23. (PTI): Reservation of seats for Muslims in the local bodies of Uttar Pradesh will be abolished shortly and legislation for this purpose will be introduced in the State Legislature by June next.

PLANE CRASH

TUCSON (Arizona), March 23 (PTI-Reuter): One of America's new long-range superbombers, the B-52, crashed with fourteen people in the flat Arizona desert today, killing at least nine according to first-reports.

The plane crashed west of Gila bend on a routine training flight.

SEVERE JOLTS

BANARAS, March 23 (PTI): Passengers travelling by the 5 Up Punjab Mail received severe jolts near Bhaddohi station, between Banaras and Janghai junction station yesterday morning.

The driver brought the train to a sudden stop and after examining the rail track crawled into the next station. He said he found iron rode in three places on the rail track.

Air Measures In Asia

ACHESON BEGINS STUDY

WASHINGTON, March 23 (PTI-Reuter): American Secretary of State Dean Acheson and his leading advisers on Far East affairs began an intensive new study today of United States air measures for South East Asia.

Mr. Acheson called in Ambassador-at-Large Philip C. Jessup and the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. W. Walton Butterworth, to report their findings on recent survey trips.

Officials said means of bolstering the new French supported State of Viet Nam against Communist pressure was now the most urgent matter.

Down for a decision are a series of recommendations wired last week from Indo-China by a special technical mission headed by Mr. Robert A. Griffin. These call for immediate measures to help the new Bao Dai regime, with backing, to restore economic and military stability.

To provide immediate military support for Indo-China and other neighbours of Communist China, President Truman has a 75 million dollars special arms fund which Congress voted last year.

The House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee yesterday approved an administration non-military foreign aid bill which earmarks an estimated 104 million dollars in unused economic co-operation administration funds for Nationalist China and South-East Asia.

Proposed U.S. Aid To Persia

DRAFT AGREEMENT SUBMITTED

WASHINGTON, March 23 (PTI-Reuter): American State Department officials announced today that the United States had submitted the draft of a proposed arms aid agreement to the Persian Government. The draft sets out the terms under which Persia would receive a share of the 27,640,000 dollars which Congress appropriated last October for bolstering the defences of Persia, Korea and the Philippines.

SUGAR SYNDICATE LOSES FAVOUR

U. P. Takes Action

LUCKNOW, March 23. (PTI): The Government of Uttar Pradesh have, in view of the request of the Government of India following the recommendations of the Tariff Board, withdrawn the recoghition so far accorded to the Sugar Syndicate. The Government have in consequence of this decision waived the condition of the compulsory membership of the Syndicate for purposes of obtaining crushing licences by sugar factories. It is learnt that a notification in this respect is being issued by the State Government.

Knife Recovered From A Person In Calcutta

CALCUTTA, March 23. (PTI): A Bengali Hindu who could not give a satisfactory explanation for his visiting tonight the Calcutta station of All-India Radio was taken for questioning by the police.

A large knife was found on his person.

He had asked the gate-keeper to see the Station Director. The gate keeper said his movements aroused suspicion and aided by others overpowered and handed him to the police.

BACK TO 4 CLASSES

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, March 23: The Central Advisory Council for Railways at a meeting here decided to revert back to four classification system on the Indain Railways. The recently created classification namely, second class special, is being abolished.

The experiment, according to one estimate, has cost the Railways two an a half crores of rupees while according to another source it is less than a crore.

Rumour Leads To A Ban

MORADABAD, March 23 (UPI): Following some panic due to wild rumours in the city, an order under Section 144 had been promulgated for a period of one month banning processions, meeting and taking out of any lethal weapons on public roads and gathering of more than five persons at one place. Prosecution of rumour mongers has also been threatened.

DAMAGE: Considerable damage to the standing crops has been caused in Jubbulpore by untimely rains accompanied by sleet. Similarly damage has been done to the mango and Mahua flowers.

PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

His Excellency Mr. Hugo Valvanne, Minister of Finland in India, with Dr. Rajendra Prasad, after presenting his credentials to the President at the Government House, New Delhi, on March 21.

A Tale Of Horror, Hatred And Hysteria

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minority community, their homes and their belongings. The blame for this falls squarely on the East Bengal Government because the situation which has arisen is a direct result of hatred preached by them and revealed in their actions.

INTERLINKED WITH KASHMIR

This is the general background against which the recent disturbances in East Bengal will have to be properly sized up. But this is not all. Minority leaders of consequence here have fully agreed with Pandit Nehru's significant remark in the Indian Parliament that Kashmir and East Bengal were interlinked. These leaders believe that what has contributed to the recent happenings here was the effort on the part of the Government to create a situation suited to its international propaganda on the Kashmir issue and likely to tip the scales in favour of religious fanaticism in case of a Kashmir plebiscite.

It has been uniformly felt among leaders here that the minority Hindus of E. Bengal were being used as a political pawn. In the same way as the Bihar riots, which immediately preceded the frontier plebiscite, influenced the vote there Pakistan's communal fanatics planned to create a situation which would lead Muslims to think themselves to be unsafe in India. This could be profitably used both for international propaganda and also with the Muslims of Kashmir in influencing their vote for their future.

MANIPULATED RIOTS

With this end in view East Bengal disturbances were manipulated. Those who played this game knew that this would have an immediate effect on the Muslims in India, and as planned, it really did have, as evidenced by the exodus of Muslims to Pakistan. To that extent this political game has borne fruit.

To cite but one instance, in Barisal, which suffered the worst during the recent riots, a booklet titled, "Kashmir Chalo" written in Bengali by a local Muslim educationist was widely circulated among the Muslims. This booklet contained quotations from the Quran which is purported to have urged the killing of "Kafirs". These inflammatory materials go deep into the minds of the ignorant Muslim masses who religiously act on them.

As was evidenced at Barisal it cost the life of scores of Hindus. The aggregate effect of all this has been that thousands of men, women and children in both Bengals have been torn from their homes and are today compelled to move as destitute refugees having lost their bearings in life. As far as East Bengal is concerned, what has caused this large-scale exodus, is the realisation by the minority that a lasting peace for them is not possible so long as they became playthings in the political cesspool. As far as I could see in Dacca, their one idea is to move out, no matter what happens to their future. They left their ancestral homes and lands for improvised roofs, shady trees and perhaps more turmoil.

I have seen many a touching scene at the Tejgaon aerodrome in Dacca where timid, unlettered Hindu women clung to their husbands in fear, afraid to board the relief planes without them as they had to stay behind to give priority to women and children. Children commanded to leave for India with their mothers gripped either of their parents tightly, undecided as to whether they should go or stay. The golden deities which they have been worshipping for all their lifetime lay bundled up beside them.

MAHASABHA PROVOCATION

But it must be known that whatever the origin of these troubles, it is today a fact, that the exodus is no more one-sided. It is indisputably true that large numbers of Muslims from Assam and West Bengal are arriving in East Bengal. In East Bengal today there is a growing hatred towards India which was reeently inflammed by speeches of the Hindu Mahasabha leaders who urged Pakistan's re-union with India. The Muslims of East Bengal love their freedom and they mean to preserve it. But rightly or wrongly, these speeches by Mahasabha leaders, as reported by rumour-mongers, have created a genuine fear in the minds of East Bengal Muslims that they are not secure and that they might be attacked any moment from without. This has caused them to look upon the Hindus of East Bengal with suspicion and distrust and even as possible fifth-columnists.

Those who glibly speak of a "police action" against East Bengal have done a positive disservice to the minorities there, and have made their position more slender. Those who have in mind the larger interests of the minorities in East Bengal should desist from speaking in terms of war, because armed conflict is not a solution to the minority problem there.

THE SOLUTION

What then is the Answer? The East Bengal Government will have to be clear in its own mind what it means to do with its minorities—whether it wants them and can protect them. If it means "business" it will have to revise its policy of vilification against the minorities consistently followed since partition. For over two years now, the minorities of East Bengal endured this torture. But there is an end to human endurance also.

If all the energies hitherto mis-spent in driving a wedge between the Muslim majority and the Hindu minority were turned to the constructive task of creating communal harmony, this problem would be resolved. But this would involve a "change of heart" on the part of those in authority.

The proof of its future good intentions will be seen in the deterrant punishment it gives to those involved in the recent series of disturbances, both officials and miscreants. This alone will be the first step towards restoring confidence. Minority representatives will have to be increasingly associated with the administration and the percentage of non-Muslims in the police force will have to be raised from the present five per cent to a higher figure.

Suitable Governmental machinery will have to be devised to make the shaken minds of the minority community feel that there is something in the Government that could be relied upon for the maintenance of law and order at all costs. Intensive propaganda will have to be carried out throughout the province for goodwill considerateness and detive sympathy towards the minorities. The recent speech of Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, at Barisal, condemning those who perpetrated large-scale arson and looting, may be a silver-lining of hope for the future.

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NEW "DAWN" TRUST

KARACHI, March 23 (UPI): The new trustees of the "Dawn" Trust-Pakistan Prime Minister, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, and Miss Fatima Jinnah—have been urged by Mr. Mahumud Illahi, a local businessman whose petition for the appointment of new trustees of the "Dawn" Trust was recently granted by the Sind Chief Court to take over the "Dawn" of Karachi. He asserted that there was strong evidence to show that the "Dawn" of Karachi belonged to the "Dawn" Trust.

It may be recalled that Pakistan Herald Ltd., publishers of the Karachi "Dawn" had on Sunday last announced that the "Dawn" Trust had nothing to do with the Karachi "Dawn".

ANSAR ARRESTED

BERHAMPORE, March 23, (UPI): One person, suspected to be an Ansar from Pakistan was arrested yesterday at Choringachha railway station in Murshidabad District. A revolver and several pigeons and papers were seized from him.

Another person, stated to be his companion, is reported to have escaped.

A Spy Is Arrested

KARIMGANJ, (Assam), March 23 (PTI): The authorities have adopted strong measures in checking anti-State activities in the border areas.

A Muslim, suspected to be a Pakistani spy, was arrested yesterday at Nilambazar railway station in the interior of Cachar while he was proceeding by train towards Patharkandi. Some weapons and prejudicial documents are also reported to have been seized from his person.

3 Pak Spies Remanded To Police Custody

CALCUTTA, March 23. (PTI): The Chief Presidency Magistrate, Calcutta, today remanded to police custody three Muslims including an employee of the Posts and Telegraphs department, who were arrested yesterday for alleged anti-state activities.

The postal employee was alleged to have intercepted certain letters taking advantage off his position.

NEW DELHI, March 23. (PTI): Two Pakistanis, Mohammed Ali and Ishtiaq Ahmed, were arrested here yesterday, the former for disseminating false rumours and the latter for overstaying in India in contravention the permit rules.

News BRIEFS

PROCLAMATION: Australia invoked the Crimes Act to fight on Thursday labour disorders and proclaimed "a state of serious industrial disturbance". The proclamation issued by the Governor-General said the situation was "prejudicing or threatening trade and commerce with other countries and among the States of Australia."

COW CONFERENCE: An All-India Cow Protection Conference will be held at Hardwar on the eve of Kumbh Fair from 7th to 12th April, 1950.

Shri P. D. Tandon, Speaker, U. P. Assembly will inaugurate it and it will be presided over by Seth Govindas M. P. A large number of delegates besides Members of Parliament and Ministers are expected to attend it.

RELIEF TO LABOUR: The Government of Uttar Pradesh hope to fix the wages of agricultural labour in the State within the next 12 months in accordance with the Minimum Wages Act, disclosed U.P.'s Labour Minister Mr. Sampuranand in the course of his speech in the State Legislative Assembly on Thursday.

RENTS CONTROL ACT: All the provisions of Part II of the Bombay Rents, Hotel and Lodging House Rates Control Act, 1947, have been applied, with effect from March 18 last, to the Pachora Municipal area, in the East Khandesh District, in respect of premises let for residence, education, business, trade or storage and to premises let to the Government or a local authority for the purpose of setting up offices, public hospitals or dispensaries.

DANGS DEVELOPMENT BOARD: Messrs. Ramjibhai Patel and Chhotubhai Naik, both of Ahwa, have been nominated by the Government of Bombay as additional members of the Dangs Development Board.

AIR FORCE DAY: The No One Air Force Academy, I.A.F., Ambala, has chalked out a three-day programme to celebrate the seventeenth anniversary of the Indian Air Force on April 1. The highlight of the programme will be a ceremonial parade on the morning of April 1 at which Group Captain K. L. Sondhi, Commanding Officer of the Station, will take the salute.

SOCIALISTS TO MEET: A conference of women Socialists of the Punjab has been called by the Socialist Party on April 8, simultaneously with the annual conference of the Socialist Party in Jullunder. The latter conference will be presided over by Acharya Narendra Deo. The women Socialists will chalk out a special programme for women's movement in the Punjab.

RAJKUMARI AMRIT KAUR

RAJKOT, March 23. (PTI): Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Health Minister of Government of India, is expected to visit Jamnagar towards the middle of April, it is learnt here.

The visit, it is stated, will be in connection with the research work that is being carried out at the Jamnagar Ayurvedic College.

NOT A GROUP: Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy said in Lahore Wednesday that the Awami Muslim League was an "opposition party and not a group within the Muslim League", though it would not be parliamentary opposition till after next general elections.

SETH TAYEB ALI: Former President of the Mahakosal Chamber of Commerce, died in Jubbulpore on Thursday morning after a short illness. Seth Tayeb Ali was a prominent business man and a leading figure in the Bohra community here.

USE OF GUJARATI: "The Saurashtra Official Language Act of 1950" was moved by Mr. U. N. Dhebar, Chief Minister, in the Saurashtra Legislative Assembly on Thursday. The bill provides for the use of Gujarati for official purposes in the State subject to the provisions of the Constitution of India.

ATHENS, March 23 (PTI-Reuter): A new Greek Government under Greek Liberal leader, Sophocles Venizelos was sworn in by King Paul tonight.

Production Looks Up In Saurashtra

RAJKOT, March 23. (PTI): Mr. N. Manubhai Shah, Industries Minister, moving a demand for Rs. 14,66,000 said in the Saurashtra State Assembly that there was a general increase in industrial production during the last year in the State. Except for textiles which were handicapped by cotton shortage, production was expected to be higher during the year 1950.

The Assembly adjourned sine die this afternoon after unanimously agreeing to supplementary demands totalling Rs. 3,21,28,500 for the year ending March 31, 1950.

48 Lakh Congressmen Enrolled In U. P.

LUCKNOW, March 23. (PTI). About forty-eight lakh Congressmen have been enrolled in the Uttar Pradesh according to latest information reaching the Provincial Congress headquarters. The enrolment drive was launched in May last year when the new Congress constitution was enforced.

About ten thousand Congress panchayats—the primary units of the Congress will be elected next month by the newly enrolled Congressmen.

A detailed programme of election is being drafted by the U.P.C.C.

Plan For The Next Fight

LONDON, March 23 (PTI-Reuter): Leaders of the British Labour Party have decided to call a secret conference in May to plan their strategy for the next general election.

Prime Minister Attlee, Cabinet Ministers and members of the party executive will attend.

RED MENACE UNDER CONTROL

Madras Minister's Plea For Popular Support

MADRAS, March 23 (PTI): Mr. B Gopala Reddi, Finance Minister and Leader of the House, declared in the Madras Assembly this evening that the "Communist menace" in the State had been kept under control as a result of a strenuous drive by the police.

"The main handicap of the police in not making the drive even more successful", he said, "is the lack of popular support though a few individuals and groups have given valuable help".

UNIFICATION OF LAWS

Chief Justice's Hope

HYDERABAD (Dn.), March 23 (PTI): Sir Harilal Kania, Chief Justice of India, said here today that, with the unification of India, it would be but natural to expect unification of laws of the different sattes to prevent the citizens of India from finding themselves governed by different sets of laws.

Perhaps, the Chief Justice said, this would take a little time to achieve, but so far as procedural law was concerned, early coordination was essential, if not imperative.

Sir Harilal said that appeals could not lie to the Supreme Court from the Hyderabad High Court as a matter of course under the constitution and, therefore, practice and procedural rules under which appeals could go from the different courts should also be similar in all state high courts.

CONFLICTING AWARDS OF ADJUDICATORS

Employers' Complain

NEW DELHI, March 23 (UPI): The All India Organisation of Industrial Employers in a review of some of the important bonus awards made by the Industrial Courts and Tribunals set up under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, says that an analysis of these awards "would lead one of the conclusion that there are no set principles on which the adjudicating authorities base their awards." This had resulted, it says, in different tribunals taking divergent views on the question of bonus and other similar issues, thus creating "confusion rather than order in the field of labour arbitration."

IMPORT CEILINGS TO BE RAISED

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, March 23: Due to the greatly improved foreign exchange position, Government of India has decided to fully meet the requirements of certain industries. The Government is raising the ceilings for imports of essential industrial material from both dollar and sterling areas with immediate effect. These commodities include art silk, chemicals and drugs.

EUROPEAN PAYMENTS UNION AND INDIA

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, March 23: It is learnt here that India will not accept arrangements which tend to increase strain on gold and dollar reserves through the working of European Payments Union. It is further learnt that India has been fully informed of these. India will further consider the entire question in the light of discussions now in progress in Europe in regard to European economic co-operation organisation.

HAIL STORMS IN KANPUR

Damage To Rabi Crops

KANPUR, March 23 (PTI): Extensive hail storms occurred on the rural areas of Kanpur District during the last two days causing widespread damage to the standing rabi crops according to reports received in the office of the District Congress Committee from a number of villages.

Over fifty villages in Derapur and Ghatampur tehsils are reported to have been badly affected.

U.N.I.C.E.F. Chief In Pakistan

KARACHI, March 23 (UPI): Mr. Alexander McIver, newly designated chief of the UNICEF for Pakistan has arrived here. He will discuss UNICEF programme for this year with the Pakistan Government.

Snowfall In Mussoorie

MUSSOORIE, March 23 (PTI): Mussoorie had two inches of snow-fall today preceded by heavy rains and hail storm from the last two days in the adjoining hills.

Weather continues to be cloudy and heavier snowfall is expected.

Furious Snow-Storm Over Simla

SIMLA, March 23 (PTI): A furious snow-storm beat down Simla town and the adjoining hills for over five hours this afternoon.

Pedestrain and vehicular traffic came to a standstill.

The fall is the fourth of the series since Wednesday last, and yielded about 4 inches.

The temperature was four degrees below freezing point at 5 p.m. today, unusually low for this part of the year.

Mr. Vaikunth L. Mehta, Minister for Finance, Co-operation and Village Industries, will leave Bombay for Nasik on March 25 and return on March 27.

People IN THE NEWS

MR. M. P. PATIL

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mr. M. P. Patil, Minister for Forests and Agriculture, will leave Bombay for Bhusawal on the night of March 25 to perform the opening ceremony of the Village Workers' Training Class at Chopada and return on the morning on March 27.

DR. JIVRAJ MEHTA

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta, Minister for Public Works, will leave Bombay for Delhi, by air, in the morning of March 25 and will return to Bombay in the afternoon of March 27

MR. DINKARRAO N. DESAI

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mr. Dinkarrao N. Desai, Minister for Law and Civil Supplies, will leave Bombay for Koregaon in the Satara district on March 25, 1950, in connection with the Levy Day function and will return to Bombay in the evening of March 26, 1950.

MR. G. D. TAPASE

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mr. G. D. Tapase, Minister for Backward Classes, Fisheries and Rehabilitation, will leave Bombay for Poona by plane in the morning of March 25, 1950, along with Mr. Jagjiwan Ram, Minister for Labour, Government of India.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON MAY

NEW YORK, March 23

Previous Closing	32 05
Today's Opening	32.01
Difference	—4
Today's Closing	32 10
Difference	+5

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK, March 23.

Stock Exchange opening prices — Anaconda Copper Mining unquoted. General Motors dol. 77-3/8. United States Steel Common dol 32-3/8.

Ditto Preference unquoted. (PTI-Reuter).

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDDON, March 23 (PTI-Reuter) The London Stock Exchange was lacking in colour today. With the completion of morning routine business, the markets became idle with barely a vestige of interest being shown in any section Price movements were small but generally to higher levels.

Some buying of British Government nationalisation stocks helped prices in the giltedged section and there were advances in some industrials, including breweries. Burmahs and Ultramars closed with initial gains well held and there was a harder tone in British conrolled issues. Other commodity shares were quiet with rubbers a few pence off.

Dealers in foreign bonds and rails reported little business and no change in prices

The Kaffir market was irregular. The general trend was slightly lower levels but one or two Freestaters responded with firmness to rumours of favourable developments.

MADRAS SHARE MARKET

MADRAS, March 23 (PTI). Following are today's quotations in Madras share market at 4 p.m.:—

SECURITIES: Three percent paper 96 14, Three percent 1966 96 14, Three percent 1953,55 101 10, Three percent 1970 75 100—, Government of Madras three percent 1960 100 4.

BANKS: Travancore 14 4.

SUGARS AND BREWERIES: Deccan 16 10, Mysore 40 - Travancore 69 Pientiags Chembra 4 15 Cochin Manattar 4 8, Devashola 14 4 Ouchteriony 6 4, Puljangode 1 4, Thirumbadi 1 14-6 T R and T. Co. 5 8

TEXTILES: Buckingham 138 - Cambodia 12 2, Coimbatore CM 145 8, Coimbatore Spg. 54—, Dhanalakshmi 232 - Lakshmi 70 12 Madura 38 - Mettur 325 - Mysore Spun 5 10 Radhakishna 183 - Rajalakshmi 74 - Ranga Vilas 55 12 Trav Rayons 4 1 Trichinopoly 10 10 Vasanta 106 8.

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cement 70 12, Fact 5 - Mettur Chem 8 8 Mysore Chem Fert. 7 14.—(PTI).

Ahmedabad Share Market

AHMEDABAD, March 23

Market being oversold, it observed a sharp recovery and closed with bullion sentiment.

FLUCTUATIONS. Calico Opened 257 8, Highest 266. Arvind Opened 729, Highest 742 Ambica Opened 319 Highest 323 8 Deferred Opened 1574, Lowest 1570, Highest 1604.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS: Calico 265/12. Arvind 740. Ambica 323. Deferred 1603 New Cotton 322/8 Rohit 108 12.

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SWEET POTATOES

Sweet potatoes are available to consumers in the Bombay rationed area from all the Government Grain Shops at the rate of Re. 0-1-3 per lb.

Ava Gardner and Gregory Peck in "THE GREAT SINNER" at the Metro.

Gregory Peck Gets The Gambling Urge

POWERFUL ROLE IN "THE GREAT SINNER"

ROBERT SIODMAK gains fresh laurels for his direction of MGM's adaptation of the powerful Christopher Isherwood screenplay "The Great Sinner." Every member of the cast has plenty to sink the teeth into, and all live upto the demands of their parts.

This film may well be termed a gambler's "Lost Week End." We first have ingratiating scoundrel Walter Huston willing to pledge his daughter to cynical man-of-the-world Melvyn Douglas as security against gambling debts. We then find naive young Gregory Peck rushing in and pitting himself against the wiles of Lady Luck to reclaim these same debts. Succeeding, against all the laws of probability, in getting the better of the casino, he finds himself unable to pull himself up. Sinking lower and lower into the depths of degradation, he loses every shred of respectability and manhood, and has a narrow escape from murder.

Gregory Peck gives a moving and powerful portrayal of the gambler driving himself to his own doom, while Ava Gardner is a fine choice for the part of the fascinating Pauline who drives the budding gambler on, then moves heaven and earth to save him when it is almost too late. Melvyn Douglas is his usual polished self as the casino owner, while Walter Huston is grand as the habitue whose sins sit lightly on him. Tense, sordid, deeply moving drama, this film holds the unflagging interest of the audience by its sheer power.

It will be shown from today at the Metro.

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SHADI-KI-RAAT
GEETA BALI, REHMAN, AROON
SUPER 3-30, 6-30, 9-30 Sun 12-30
Booking 9-30 to 11-30 & 5-30 to 7
CITY LIGHT
12-30, 3-30, 6-30 & 9-30
AN EVERGREEN Release

FOREIGN FILMS

A Film With A Highly Emotional Theme

'THELMA JORDAN' COMES TO NEW EMPIRE

SHOWING at the New Empire this week, "Thelma Jordan" packs plenty of suspense and a good deal of highly emotional drama. The heroine of the film, Thelma, commits murder, and though indicted, is in the peculiarly fortunate position of having the prosecutor madly infatuated with her.

The latter gentleman, in fact, proves to the hilt the blinding effect of love when he throws professional ethics and personal integrity overboard and proceeds to deliberately wreck his case.

Free at last, Thelma is suddenly overtaken by her sordid past, in the shape of the crooked lover who had originally compelled her to commit the crime. With a set up like this, tragedy is a foregone conclusion, and it comes in with Thelma dying nobly and leaving the prosecutor to pursue a somewhat nebulous and undefined existence in a future almost bereft of hope.

The characteristations of the stars, Barbara Stanwyck and Wendell Corey, are good indeed, but the drama fails to be altogether convincing, possibly because the psycholigical make-up of the principals, even allowing for the effects of passion, would really be difficult to duplicate in real life.

Outstanding in support is that veteran of the screen, Stanley Ridges, who is quite the subtle philosopher in the role of Thelma's defence attorney. Paul Fix, with many sterling performances to his credit in the past, is too hard-boiled to be convincing as Corey's chief. This film will please lovers of crime, providing they are willing to make ample allowances for the vagaries of human behaviour.

Joan Tetzel, Wendell Corey and Barbara Stanwyck in "THELMA JORDAN".

Scott Brady and Yvonne De Carlo in "THE GAL WHO TOOK THE WEST" at the Eros.

Yvonne De Carlo Captivates The West

COMEDY, music and the wide open spaces of the West are prominently featured in Universal's "The Gal Who Took The West." Yvonne De Carlo, curvacious as ever, takes care of the comic aspects of the film with the help of Charles Coburn, while hemen Scott Brady and John Russell handle the action.

The story is related in a series of flashbacks by a group of old-timers who reminisce, each in his own way, about the good old days, the roaring, rambunctious, red-blooded days when Miss De Carlo was a more than prominent feature of an otherwise grim landscape.

Brought by Coburn to grace the opening of his opera house, Yvonne soon finds she has both Coburn's grandsons on her hands; each in love with her and each out for the other's blood. Rather a delicate situation, to put it mildly, but trust a woman's wiles to find a way out of the difficulty!

Playing an opera singer gives Yvonne the opportunity for plenty of singing, even if most of it is strictly non-operatic. Two of the specialties, "Frankie and Johnny" and "Clancy Lowered The Boom" are likely to prove popular. Not very substantial fare, but good for passing a pleasant evening.

Food Analysts To Meet In Delhi

MADRAS, March 22 (PTI): Under the joint auspices of the Ministry of Food and the Ministry of Health, Government of India, a conference of specialists in food analysis has been convened for March at New Delhi, it is understood.

'GHOST-BREAKERS' STAYS ON

Paramount's spine tingling comedy "The Ghost Breakers" has been held over for a second week at the Strand, a distinction rarely earned by a revival.

Funny-man Bob Hope is seen as a happy-go-lucky ghost trapper who runs into more than his fair share of the macabre. He is ably assisted by beautiful Paulette Goddard who is here cast as the owner of a haunted castle in Cuba.

The proportion is nicely maintained between the groans and the guffaws, and the film should prove more than acceptable to those who have not already seen it. A definitely above-the-average comedy.

WRESTLING IS TOUGH ON THE STARS

Its an easy transition from wrestling to acting. Authority for this statement is "Tiger Joe" Marsh, who, after twenty-two years as a headliner on wrestling cards, is embarking on his second movie, "Outbreak," starring Paul Douglas and Richard Widmark.

Having to push Douglas and Widmark down the gangway of a tramp steamer, Marsh obligingly outlined a number of wrestling throws which he could employ, and which would be very effective on the screen. Director Elia Kasan heard him reel off a list of horrific holds, but cried a halt when Marsh offered to strangle Douglas with a length of fire-hose before throwing him down the gang-plank.

Someone finally suggested to the over-enthusiastic wrestler that the scene, if played his way, would be pretty hard on the stars, but from his reaction, it was apparent that a few broken bones mean much less to a wrestler than they do to an actor.

RAFT, ONCE MORE THE TOUGH GUY

IN the Regal's current attraction, George Raft is starred in a role very similar to the ones that shot him to the top. As a hard-hitting racket-buster, he is in great form, and will more than live up to the requirements of his numerous fans.

Up against a dangerous gang of international crooks, he has to fight tooth and nail before he can overcome his wily opponents and win the girl in the case, beautiful Nina Foch. George Macready is once again the villain of the piece, and makes a powerful rival to cave-man Raft.

This film might have been an exceptionally good one but for the fact that it follows a pattern with which we are by now completely familiar; as such it may merely be classed as just another well produced and competently acted thriller. Good enough for those who are avid for thriller stuff.

'SEARCH FOR SHELTER' Scheduled For March 24

The problem of housing is the subject matter of a short film entitled "Search for Shelter" scheduled for release on March 24 throughout the country.

Easy Come Easy Go!

AMBALA, March 22 (P.T.I.).

A MAN from Raseen, in the Patiala and East Punjab States Union, who beat the races to the tune of Rs. 42,000 at Calcutta recently, was relieved of his winnings while returning to his native village, according to reports here. Today he was anxiously awaiting the result of police enquiries who were stated to have recovered a like sum from the house of the alleged thief, a Calcutta taxi driver.

After his lucky win in Calcutta, the punter apparently decided to sit back in his native village Raseen. The taxi driver persuaded him to be allowed to go along lest he should be robbed, and so they set out together. On the way the punter, it was alleged, was relieved of his entire winnings at knife point by the taxi driver.

Representation Of Hyderabad

SARDAR'S REPLY IN PARLIAMENT

NEW DELHI, March 23 (PTI).

SARDAR PATEL told Parliament today at question time that the Government was considering the question of appropriate methods for securing the representation of Hyderabad in Parliament.

Sardar Patel said that four seats in Madhya Bharat and one or two vacancies in Rajasthan were still to be filled.

Mr. Kamath: Is the Minister aware that for a long time, for the last year or more, four seats have been assigned to Punjab which have not been filled so far.

Sardar Patel: I am not aware.

Mrs. Durga Bai: What are the steps being taken by Government to secure the early representation of Hyderabad in this Parliament? If not, what are the reasons of the failure for securing their representation?

Sardar Patel: There are no obstacles. At present, there are no rules under which this representation can be secured, nor is there any machinery for election there. Therefore, Government is considering the question of appropriate methods of securing representation.

Mr. Kamath: Do Government propose to fill up the four vacancies in Punjab?

Sardar Patel: I am not aware of the four vacancies.

The Speaker called for the next question at this stage.

Windfall For Hyderabad Treasury

SECUNDERABAD, March 23 (UPI).—The Hyderabad Treasury will be enriched by property worth several crores belonging to the late Nawab Sir Salar Jung if the Commissioned to settle the succession dispute decides in favour of the Hyderabad Government who are one of the claimants, it was learned today.

The Government claims to hold a letter addressed to them by the late Nawab which reads as follows:

"I have no heir. My jagir will in due course revert to the State, and as such the whole revenue of my jagir will be available to the State, and there will be no question of the State waiting for three generations as laid down by the Jagir Abolition Regulation to absorb the jagir."

The Commission, which consists of two high court judges, is busy hearing the claims of other claimants also. They number about 53 including several women who claim to be his wives.

Action Against Railmen

SECUNDERABAD, March 23 (UPI).—The N.S. Railway Administration has taken disciplinary action against those of their employees who participated in the "tool down" strike on March 10, to protest against the arrest and detention of some railwaymen suspected to be Communists, it is learned.

The action is in the form of cut of a day's wages, although the Administration is empowered to axe wages of eight days under the Payment of Wages Act.

As hundreds of workers will be affected by this order of the Administration, the Railwaymen's Union is planning to make a representation to the higher authorities.

Demands Voted In Saurashtra

RAJKOT, March 23 (PTI): The Saurashtra Legislative Assembly today voted all the demands totalling Rs. 10,05,35,300 moved by the Finance Minister.

The House also passed the Saurashtra Appropriation Act, 1950, authorising an amount of Rs. 10,24,40,100 towards defraying several charges which come in course of payment during the year ending March 31, 1951 in respect of services. This Act had become necessary according to the Constitution of India.

Earlier, the House granted demands totalling Rs. 2,31,66,000 under various heads moved by Mr. D. T. Dave, Minister of Health and Public Works.

PRESIDENT AMONG CHILDREN

Balkan-Ji-Bari Function Filmed In Delhi

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Happy faces of sweet little children dancing at Government House, New Delhi, to welcome Dr. Rajendra Prasad, provide a pleasing start to the latest issue of the Indian News Review, scheduled for release this weekend.

The visit of M.P.S to Arab-ki-Sarai technical training centre near Delhi, the arrival of the Maharajkumar of Sikkim and party, the two day conference of Governors and Rajapramukhs, are among other important events filmed from the capital city.

The Prime Minister's second visit to Calcutta to see for himself the arrangements being made for the relief and rehabilitation of displaced persons from East Bengal enhances the topical value of the News Review.

POLICE RAID ON CLOTH MILLS

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, March 23.

Four more mills were raided by the Enforcement Department in Ahmedabad and textile authorities have freezed stocks on the complaint of permit holders.

It was alleged that permit holders were not given cloth, though the mills had stock with them.

State Railmen's Demands

A. I. R. F. Reaches Agreement With Govt.

NEW DELHI, March 23, (PTI): A delegation of the All-India Railwaymen's Federation, led by Mr. S. Guruswamy, General Secretary of the Federation, met the Transport Minister Mr Gopalaswamy Ayyangar today to discuss the issues arising out of the integration of state railways and demands of state railwaymen relating to service conditions.

It is understood tentative conclusions were reached as a result of these discussions, and the Government of India have agreed to issue a press note in this regard.

One of the important results of the meeting was the conclusion that the Gaekwar Baroda State railwaymen would received the benefit of the Central Pay Commission's scales of pay and allowances from the date on which the Government of India took over the financial responsibility of the railway. The decision is expected to result in the G B S railwaymen reconsidering their position with regard to the strike-ballot recently taken.

The delegation also complained of the victimisation of trade union workers on state railways, specially on the Bikaner and Mysore railways, and desired that the Government of India should instruct the administrations concerned to ensure more harmonious relationship between the workers and the managements in the interests of the country at large.

Monkey Menace In Bengal

CALCUTTA, March 23, (UPI): The grow more food drive in many districts in West Bengal was being hampered owing to destruction done to fruit, vegetables and food crops by monkeys, revealed the West Bengal Food and Agriculture Minister Mr. P. C. Sen during question hour in the West Bengal Legislative Assembly today.

The Minister said that a scheme for award of prizes for killing wild animals, including boars and monkeys, had been finalised and could be put into effect soon.

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STAND SOLIDLY BEHIND NEHRU

Governor Deprecates Indo-Pak War Talk

BOMBAY, Thursday.

AN appeal to the people not to talk lightly of war between India and Pakistan but to strengthen the hands of the Prime Minister of India by standing solidly behind him, was made by Raja Maharaj Singh, Governor of Bombay, addressing the annual general meeting of the chamber of commerce Bombay, today.

Observing that it was desirable that there should be a speedy solution of differences between India and Pakistan and the establishment of harmonious political and economic relations, the Governor said, "It is a matter of great regret that there has been so far no response to justify any hope that Pakistan is willing to discuss outstanding issues.

STATE TRADING

"The Central Government has appointed a Committee of the Union Parliament to examine the problem of State trading in all its aspects and the various Chambers of Commerce and Industry and other institutions have already placed their views before it. The Government of India will decide its policy in the matter after the report of the Committee has been considered.

"You mention delays in conciliation and adjudication on the demands of labour. Legislation cannot be blamed for an increase in the demands of workers. In fact, it frequently prevents workers from precipitating strikes or impending production by providing machinery for resolving disputes in a legal and peaceful manner. The Industrial Disputes Act is simple in structure and in this State covers all but three or four industries. The Bombay Industrial Relations Act is designedly exhaustive since it has to resolve many complications which arise in the day-to-day working of the important textile industry.

FAIR WAGES

"As regards the fall in the per capita productivity and your reference to a production bonus system, I may point out that the Fair Wages Committee set up by the Government of India has already considered this issue and, as you admit, Mr. President, the linking of earnings to individual production is an exceedingly complicated matter.

efficiency must be examined all round including that of machinery and management.

"I realise that Prohibition is a bold experiment. We hope, however, that although there has been an inevitable sacrifice of a long established source of revenue, the savings resulting from abstention from drugs and alcohol both now and even more in the years to come will enable our working classes to save more money for the essentials of life."

"GROW MORE FOOD"

The Government of India decided not to import any foodgrains after the end of 1951, except for meeting an emergency such as widespraed failure of crops and for maintaining a food reserve. In pursuance of this decision, we are not only trying to increase the productivity of lands which are arable and cultivable but also to supplement this increased co-efficient of production by reclaiming such waste lands as are capable of being effectively cultivated.

NO INJUSTICE TO ANYONE.

"Complaints continued to come from the textile industry that although the Government had fixed prices of cloth, taking into account the control price of cotton only, cotton was not available to them at the controlled price. It was evident, therefore, that if textile control was to continue, control over cotton was also imperative. In enforcing this, the Government of India has not been oblivious to the interests of cotton merchants. It cannot be said that these merchants as a class have been ousted from trade since permission has been given under the Cotton Control Order to free trading within the ring of the East India Cotton Association, provided that the prices at which cotton is sold do not exceed the ceiling prices fixed under the Order. The law-abiding merchant has not been penalised and the Central Government have not attempted to interfere in the minor details of his day to day working.

SALES TAX

"You refer to the withdrawal of the sales tax on exports from this State. On account of the larger payments on food subsidies, the Government of Bombay was compelled last year to extend the sales tax to goods exported outside the State, but care was taken to see that the levy was as low as possible and the tax was charged at only half the rates chargeable on sales within the State.

NATIONALISATION

"Regarding your apprehensions about what you refer to as the "vague talk of nationalisation during the post-war years, which resulted in the discouragement of private enterprise," may I draw your attention to the press notification which this Government issued on August 27, 1947, which should allay any fears? What is contemplated is the rationalisation and co-ordination and not the nationalisation of electricity.

Mr. Sri Prakasa

BENARAS, March 22 (PTI): The Governor of Assam, Mr. Sri Prakasa arrived here this morning after attending the conference of Governors and Rajpramukhs at New Delhi.

Mr. Sri Prakasa who is here on a one-day visit to his family is expected to leave for Assam tomorrow morning by air.

Don't Curb Civil Liberties

ORISSA OPPOSITION LEADER WARNS

CUTTACK, March 22, (PTI): The Orissa Maintenance of Public Order bill was today introduced in the Orissa Assembly after the House earlier voted several demands of the budget for 1950-51.

The Chief Minister, Mr. Harekrishan Mahatab, who introduced the bill said that this was not a new measure. The old bill was to expire on March 31 and the new measure would replace it. The underlying principles of the bill had been accepted by the House alredy by the 1948 enactment. In the present bill there had even been some relaxations which he would explain during the discussion clause by clause of the bill.

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Mahatab justifying that the present conditions in the country required the enactment of the measure said that during the past few weeks several meetings were held at which it was urged that the Government should "adopt a firm policy" against what was happening in Pakistan.

That "firm policy" said Mr. Mahatab was nothing else than asking the Government to "declare war" against Pakistan. Mr. Mahatab did not agree with that view, but for argument's sake is such was the demand then there should not be any objection to this measure since such a bill was essential in war time. He said he pointed out this to show the inconsistency in the arguments of the Opposition.

ANTI-SOCIAL ELEMENTS

The other consideration for the measure was the activity of "anti-social elements". They were not so numerous now as in 1947 and 1948, but the anti-social elements still existed.

A similar measure had been adopted in all the other States of India, Mr. Mahatab said.

Mr. Lakshminarayana Sahu (Opposition) who opposed the bill said that it was incompatible with the independence attained by the contry. He therefore, conscientiously felt he could not remain silent without protesting against the bill

OPPOSITION LEADER'S WARNING

The Raja of Kannika, Leader of the Opposition, said that though the House was prepared to give such powers as were required by the bill they should see that these powers would not be used to curb in any way the civil liberties of the people.

The consideration of the bill had not concluded when the House rose for the day.

INDIAN STANDARDS INSTITUTION

Dr. Mukerjee To Preside Over Meeting

NEW DELHI, March 22 (PTI): Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukerjee, Minister for Industry and Supply, will preside over the fifth meeting of the General Council of the Indian Standards Institution which will be held here at Jaiselmer House, on Saturday, March 25.

The General Council will consider the budget of the Institution, elect its Vice-Presidents and members of the Textile and Engineering Division Councils of the Institution. Certain amendments to the I.S.I.'s constitution to bring it in line with the new constitution of India will also come up for consideration.

The General Council which has over 50 members representing various interests and States who are members of the Indian Standards Institution is the supreme controlling authority of the Institution.

CASE AGAINST EX-OFFICIAL

First Prosecution Witness Examined

NEW DELHI, March 22 (PTI): The District Magistrate, Delhi today resumed hearing of the case against Mr. N. D. Rikhi, former Director of Movement, Food Ministry, and 9 other grain merchants on charges of corruption and conspiracy.

The first and the only prosecution witness to be examined so far, Lekh Raj of Bhatinda told the defence counsel that he was unable to see notes being passed to Mr. Rikhi as it had grown dark when he accompanied Surrendra Nath to Mr. Rikhi's residence. The witness was unable to give the correct dates of his meetings with Surrendra Nath and others.

Hearing will continue tomorrow.

All-Out Relief To Refugees In Assam

Centre's Assurance Of Financial Help

SHILLONG, March 22, (PTI): Mr Gopinath Bardoloi, Chief Minister of Assam, said in the State Assembly today that the Prime Minister of India, Pandit Nehru, had asked them to do all that was possible to offer relief to the distressed people in Assam, both Hindus and Muslims, without any discrimination.

He added that the Prime Minister had specially mentioned the cases of displaced Muslims and desired that they be given all possible relief. The Prime Minister had also given the assurance that the Government of India would help them with the necessary finances to do this

RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN

Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi was replying to a debate on an Opposition member's resolution in the Assembly asking for sending a goodwill mission to Pakistan. The resolution was withdrawn after the Chief Minister's statement which was received by the House with applause.

Laik Ali Cabinet Ministers Removed From Trimulgherry

SECUNDERABAD, March 22 (UPI): Messrs. B. S. Venkat Rao, Pingal Venkat Rama Reddy and Raj Mohan Lal, Ministers of the Laik Ali Cabinet, were today removed from the military detention barracks at Trimulgherry to their respective houses and interned there.

The five Muslim Ministers of the Laik Ali Cabinet namell Abdul Rauf Yamin Zuberi, Abdul Hamid Khan, Nawab Fazal Nawaz Jung and Abdul Rahim, along with Nawab Deen Yar Jung, former police chief, are now detained at the military barracks at Trimulgherry.

MADRAS TO REFORM JAIL LAWS

MADRAS, March 22, (PTI): The Madras Government will shortly appoint a committee of officials and non-officials to suggest comprehensive jail reforms, Mr. K Madhava Menon, Education Minister in charge of prisons, stated in the Assembly today.

He said the committee would consider changes in the existing enactments governing jail administration in the State and suggest methods of educating the convicts and giving them training in useful crafts so that they might lead "honourable lives" after release

TRIAL OF VIET MINH STUDENTS STARTS

Security Measures Tightened

SAIGON, March 22 (PTI-Reuter): French military and 2,000 Vietnamese police armed with rifles and revolvers stood by in Saigon today to prevent possible demonstrations during the trial of 12 students charged with "attempts against the security of the State."

Iron chains, guarded by armed police, barred all streets leading to the military court in which the trial was being held.

The students were members of a Viet Minh (Nationalist insurgent) organisation and had set up a secret printing plant to turn out Viet Minh tracts and papers. The city was calm though many arrests were still being made as a result of the demonstrations and riots last Sunday.

Several Vietnamese shops closed today in protest against the arrests and all taxi drivers were on strike.

Usually well-informed Vietnamese sources said a general strike order would be issued tomorrow.

AGRICULTURAL PLAN FOR KASHMIR

Proprietorship Of Land To Vest In State

NEW DELHI, March 23 (UPI).

THE Government of Jammu and Kashmir some time back appointed a Committee to formulate a plan in order to implement their policy of transferring land to tillers.

The Committee was presided over by the State's Revenue Minister, Mr. M. A. Beg, and has two representatives of landlords, and one of tenants on it, besides the Finance and Development Ministers.

SALIENT FEATURES

The Committee, it is authoritatively learnt, has drawn up an agricultural plan, which will govern possesion of land in the State. Some of the main features of this plan are stated as:

(1) The proprietorship of land shall vest in the State and every occupier of land is to be called a 'land-holder'.

(2) No person who either owns or tills land can, in future, hold more than the prescribed size of the farm.

(3) Every proprietor who, at present, owns an area more than the prescribed farm will be called upon to surrender the same in favour of the tenant thereof

(4) The present proprietors shall be allowed to hold orchards, grazing-grounds and fuel-raising areas in excess of the prescribed farm.

(5) If a prescribed number of land-holders join for purposes of co-operative farming, each holder will be allowed 30 to 40 per cent of area in excess of the prescribed farm.

(6) All cultivated or cultivable Government lands will be available for State farming under Government management and control.

(7) An adequate area suitable for community purposes in a village is provided for under the community administration.

(8) A 'tiller', for purposes of the agricultural plan, has been defined as a person who wholly or jointly depends on Agriculture as a source of maintenance and contributes to production from the farm by application of his manual labour or technical skill."

The Committee, it is understood, has not arrived at any decision with regard to the question of compensation, and it is said to be still under its examination.

The Committee, it is further learnt, is trying to elicit public opinion on the plan before it finalizes the plan on the above lines for submission to the Government for acceptance.

TRIAL OF JODHPUR'S EX-CHIEF MINISTER

Month's Adjournment Granted

JODHPUR, March 22 (PTI): The Special Court trying Jainarain Vyas, former Chief Minister of Jodhpur, and others, which met here today adjourned the hearing in the case to a date in May 1950 on an application submitted by the Public Prosecutor, Mr. Jain, asking for at least a month's adjournment

TIME FOR PREPARING CASE

Mr. Jain in his application submitted that the authorities cited by the defence counsel were only available in the Supreme Court Library and as such the prosecution may be given time to get them and prepare its case. He also later verbally submitted that as the validity of the Ordinance under which the Special Court trying the case has been challenged by the defence counsel it raised an important point in regard to other cases pending under similar ordinances before special judges and it had therefore become necessary for the prosecution to obtain full instructions from the higher authorities.

REDUCING BURDEN OF AGRICULTURISTS

Chief Aim Of Saurashtra Budget, Says Dhebar

RAJKOT, March 21 (P.T.I.): Mr. U. Dhebar, Chief Minister of Saurashtra, replying to general debate on the budget, said that it had been planned on modern oasis as a short term measure. But the long term plan was the plan of Sarvodaya, he added.

Mr. Dhebar said that the chief aim of the budget was to reduce the burden on agriculturists and labourers and the balanced budget had been produced with that view in mind.

The Chief Minister said that the budget had to take into account the all-India pattern and the condition of the middle class. "If the middle class wants to survive, it must look not towards cities but towards rural life", he said.

CONTRAST

Mr. Dhebar held that if the income from land revenue was considered against money spent after villages it would be found that latter exceeded the former.

Mr. Dhebar defended the tenancy policy of the Government and said: "The Government which did not care for the welfare of 80 per cent of the people, cannot call itself a democratic Government. Landowners also deserve sympathetic consideration but not at the cost of cultivators".

Regarding the administrative structure, Mr. Dhebar said that it was an old inheritance but Government aimed at creating the villages as the centre of activities.

GRADUAL DECONTROL

"Government's policy was of continuous decontrol, and people should bear with controls with faith in their leaders", Mr. Dhebar added.

Mr. Girdharlal Kotak, Finance Minister, winding up the debate, said that while there was a criticism of tax structure, members wanted more to be spent, without pointing out alternative sources of income. About controls, Mr. Kotak said that in this State perhaps, 'controls are working in the most relaxed form and efforts are being made to relax them still further".

Refrigeration Study In U. S. By Indian

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Sanjoo R. Mirchandani, son of Mr. and Mrs Ramchand Mirchandani, Bombay will be a candidate for the Refrigeration, Heating and Air Conditioning Technician Certificate at the Milwaukee School of Engineering where the Winter Term commencement exercises will be held on March 24.

The commencement programme, first of the School's 1950 term will mark the initial graduation of men in the Radio and Television curriculum. Sixteen certificates will be awarded students in this course Fifty men will receive Bachelor of Science degrees in Electrical Engineering, while 34 will be awarded certificates in Refrigeration Heating and Air Conditioning Fourteen students will be eligible for Practical Welding certificates.

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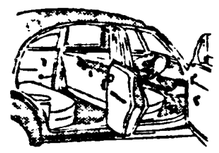

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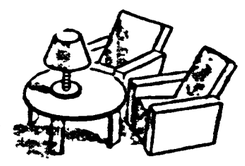

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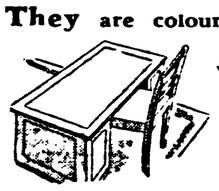

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Businessmen's Duty To The State

SINGHANIA'S CALL FOR PROPER REALISATION

CALCUTTA, March 23 (UPI).

LALA LAKSHMIPAT SINGHANIA, President of the Bharat Chamber of Commerce, Calcutta, made a fervent appeal to all businessmen to realise their individual as well as corporate responsibility towards the State and urged those who played a great role in the past in building up the economic structure of India even in an unfriendly atmosphere to work now even at a sacrifice and at much greater risk when the Government was their own and inclined to respond to the public opinion.

Mr. Singhania who was addressing the 50th annual general meeting of the Chamber here today made a strong plea to the Government for creating necessary conditions with a view to larger investments for industrialising India. While appreciating the need for increasing the agricultural production, he requested the Food and Agriculture Ministry of India not to discriminate between production of food crops and cash crops, as he felt that if India could utilise her raw materials and her vast mineral wealth as also grow more cash crops, she would be able to buy any quantity of food she required for balancing the diet of her people.

THE CHALLENGE

Mr. Singhania thought that the need for reducing costs was the outstanding challenge facing India today and, according to him a reduction could be brought about by lowering the costs of Government, operating expenses for industry and business, prices for the public.

Appreciating the terms of reference of the Planning Commission, Mr Singhania expressed the hope that like the Planning and Priorities Department of the Board of Trades in the U.K., the Commission would be able to render real assistance to the industry.

Mr. Singhania observed that current prices were not the result of profits but of high production costs, and pointed out that prices to the consumer could not be reduced unless production and distribution costs were cut by means of further investments.

Pleading for a sharp reduction of taxes as a necessary part of a sound economic policy, he observed that in the existing circumstances of the country, the Finance Minister of India could not produce a better budget But the shared the hesitation of the Finance Minister to predict a permanent recovery of the investment market, because unless conditions were created for increasing the national wealth which alone could convert it self into real investment, no amount of jugglery of figures would be helpful. He also pointed out that the plethora of legislative measures so far enacted were too much for healthy digestion and it would be wise to study the effects they produced on the country's economy.

He, therefore, requested the Government to keep the Bills of revolutionary character in abeyance for the present as no immediate result would accrue from mere passing of these Bills.

FOREIGN CAPITAL

The President of the Chamber welcomed foreign capital and said that it should be invited in the shape of equity capital on the basis of joint participation on strict business considerations without any political strings attached to it.

Observing that he would not suggest an immediate 'bonfire' of controls Mr. Singhania pointed out that private trade could be utilised for implementing control measures, consistent with a policy of progressive withdrawal of controls. For instance, he said that private trade might be asked to perform all the work from procurement to distribution of foodgrains under the rationing scheme at competitive rates and he was confident that it would not only save a considerable amount of public funds but would also progressively rehabilitate lakhs of traders mostly of the middle class who had been thrown out of their occupation they had been in for generations

Radar Finds Fish

NAGASAKI — Japanese fishermen here are reporting unprecedented successes by using radar devices to locate shoals of fish.

Thirty-five boats using radar boosted the sardine haul 30 per cent to a post war record in the last few months.

SHARP DECLINE IN SHELLAC PRICES

Bumper Crop And Less Demand The Reason

CALCUTTA, March 22 (PTI): A sharp fall of Rs. 30 per maund has been registered within a month's time in T. N. Shellac, which has declined Rs. 20 per maund during the past week alone. In the last week of February T. N. Shellac was quoting at Rs. 130 when it suddenly dropped to Rs. 120 by the end of the month. For two weeks it held steady at Rs. 120 level, but from last Wednesday the price has been slashed consistently and today it is quoting at Rs. 100 per maund.

Lack of overseas demand, especially from the United States which is the largest consumer, ample local stocks, and favourable reports about the coming bysacky crop are given as reasons for the decline in shellac. The bysacky crop, which is harvested in April and May, is the largest of the four seasonal crops, and this year it is reported that a bumper crop may be expected following favourable comment about its condition.

SOLD AT DISCOUNT

Shippers have brought at the recent decline a fairly good quantity of all descriptions of shellac and seedlac for ready delivery Calcutta holders of stock, which was manufactured from higher-priced sticklac, had confidently expected an upward reaction after the first sharp decline at the end of February But lacking overseas response, exporters were unable to buy at the levels ruling at the beginning of last week, and because of favourable crop reports, sellers were eventually forced to dispose of their holdings at a considerable discount. Despite the reported big financial losses thus incurred, nevertheless stock-holders had no alternative but to sell as there are no signs of any immediate improvement in demand

In one respect lower shellac prices are good as there is now less danger of the commodity being replaced by substitutes. It is believed that at Rs. 100 per maund, shellac can safely keep at bay competition from substitutes, which at present cannot be produced so cheaply

Postal Systems To Be Taken Over

JAIPUR, March 22, (UPI): The State post systems functioning at Kishangarh and Bundi States will be taken over by the Indian Posts and Telegraphs Department from April 1, 1950

Accordingly, all State post offices at places where there are parallel Indian Union post offices, as also at places where there are no Indian Union post offices will be closed down from that date. All postal articles should thenceforward be repaid with Indian postage stamps and posted for transmission in the letter boxes of the Indian Union Postal Department.

Further Improvement In Tata Steel Shares

BURMAS FIRM BUT MILLS QUIETLY STEADY

BOMBAY, March 23

After yesterday's recovery, the Bombay Stock Exchange opened very steady with speculative counter showing moderate gains over the previous close. There was scattered buying and the opening improvement was extended to some extent but there was absence of any effective buying and the market fluctuated within a narrow range with restricted activity. The market feeling is hesitating and any further improvement is likely to attract increased selling pressure. The recent long liquidation has improved the technical situation but there is utter absence of any replacement buying by sold-out bulls. There is more disposition to await for fresh developments.

Tata Steel Defds opened at Rs. 1580 against yesterday's close at Rs. 1570 and gained five points at Rs. 1585 under short covering. Thereafter the market steadied at Rs. 1582 with mixed trading. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 317 and improved at Rs. 318. Indian Irons were done at Rs. 27-11 and Bengal Steels changed hands at Rs. 19-7.

Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 1055 and steadied at Rs. 1053 while Kohinor Mill shares opened at Rs. 313 and improved at Rs. 314. Scindia shares were steady at Rs. 12-14.

Thereafter there was moderate buying and Tata Steel Defds. advanced at Rs. 1587-8 and Ordinary shares hardened at Rs. 318-8. Bombay Burmas were also very steady and advanced at Rs. 437-8. Mill shares were quietly steady with very little business.

Associated Cements were done at Rs. 153-12 and Belapurs came in business at Rs. 224-6. Central Bank shares were quoted at Rs. 82-8 and Tata Powers were placed at Rs. 1535.

Towards the close the market again firmed up and Tata Steel Defds were done at Rs. 1597-8 and Ordinary shares were quoted at Rs. 320. Bombay Dyeings stood at Rs. 1055. Closing tone of the market was very steady.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES	
Bombay Dyeing (17-8)	1056 4
Kohinoor Mills (4-2)	315 0
Svadeshi Mills (12-4)	269 8
Central India Mills (6)	234 0
Simplex Mills (6-8)	186 0
New Great Eastern (8)	148 0
Indore (8-13)	113 12
Gokak Mills (12)	265 0
Century Spinning (15)	233 12
Indian Bleaching (6)	150 0
Swan Mills (20)	322 8
Finlay Mills (15)	259 0
Morarji Gocuidas (S)	150)
Edward Sassoon (30)	220 0
Meyer (12-	87 8
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	2 11 6
India United Ord. (0-14-9)	12 0
India United Defd. (0-2-6)	1 14 6
Madhusudan (15)	180 0
Podar (S)	130 0
Khatau Makanji (5)	181 4
Swadeshi Coupon	68 0
STEEL SHARES	
Tata Steel Ord. (14)	320 8
Tata Steel Defd. (64-15)	1596 4
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (7-12)	139 12
CEMENT	
Associated Cement (7) XD	153 12
INDUSTRIES	
Burma (12-8) XD	446 4
Belapur Sugar (9)	226 0
Shivrajpur (1-8)	30 0
Scindia Steam (6-8)	12 15 6
Premier Construction	85 0
Tata Chemical	11 6
Tata Oil (2)	46 4
Indian Iron (0-12)	27 15
Bengal Steel (0-12-0)	19 10
Bengal India Corp. (0)	9 0
Indian Copper	2 3
Wimco	232 8
Alcock	280 0
ELECTRIC SHARES	
Tata Hydro (3)	154 0
Andhra Valley (30)	1438 12
Tata Power (25)	1535 0

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS	
Elphinstone Mills (5)	61 0
Phoenix (50)	151 0
Indian Mfg. (40)	2950 0
Kurla XD	100 0
Colaba (12)	100 8
New City (11)	172 8
Minerva (12)	130 0
Bradbury (12)	520 0
Bharucha Deld. (0.4)	4 4
Bharat Mills (2)	28 8
Mysore (4)	162 8
Madhavji (0-12-0)	14 4
Model Mills (13-8)	158 12
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	642 8
Vishnu Cotton (8)	217 8
Western India (40)	2925)
Standard (15)	227 8
Sholapur (200)	3150)
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8-0)	18 0
Hindustan Mills (40)	4000)
Tata Mills (2-4)	52 0
Ahmedabad Advance (9)	240 0
New Ahmedabad	195 0
Sassoon Silk (3) X.D.	36 8
New Union Mills (0-8)	19 2
Madhusudan S. (2-5)	35 0
Shrinivas Mills (S)	173 12
Raja Bahadur (4)	60 0
Berar Mills	265 0
Victoria Mills	225 0
ELECTRIC (CASH)	
Ahmedabad Electric (1-9)	129 6
Ahmedabad New	77 12
Surat Electric	133 2
Karach. Electric (2)	136 14
Broach (0-5)	6 12
Ajmer Electricity (0.8)	10 0
Amalgamated	11 2
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	28 8
Poona Electricity Supply (8)	138 2
Bombay Suburban (8)	151 4
Bombay Suburban New	142 8
BANK SHARES	
Imperial Bank of India	1780 0
Imperial Bank P (0-12)	433 12
Central Bank (1-8)	83 0
Central Bank New (1-8)	83 8
Bank of India (4)	169 8
Union (0-3)	7 2
Baroda (2-3)	121 0
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	37 8
United Commercial (1-8)	42 8
Jaipur Bank (18-0)	35 8
Hindustan Commercial	17 0
Mysore Bank (8)	365 0
Eastern Bank (0.14-9)	92 0
INSURANCE SHARES	
Oriental (125)	4740 0
Empire (10)	571 4
New India (1-7)	55 12
Jupiter (0-12)	12 15
Vulcan (0-10)	13 8
Indian Mercantile (0-4)	39 0
Universal	11 4
B I G (1)	15 4
Industrial and Prudential	28 4
Neptune	7 0
New Great	25 0
All India General	12 12
RAILWAY SHARES	
C. P. (1-14) XD	112 0
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES	
Steamer (10)	237 8
Bombay Burma New (5)	148 12
Burma Petrol	1 4
Mackenzie (6)	97 0
Port Canning (3)	58 8
Kemp and Co (20)	320 0
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	125 0
Industrial Invest Trust (5-12)	94 8
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	42 0
Mukund Iron	13 0
Dena Trust (0-12)	14 0
Alembic (15)	147 8
Supreme Industries	72 8
Bombay Uganda	67 8
Bombay Motor Cycle	22 8
Indian Cement (1937)	171 4
Walchand Nagar Industries (B. S.)	141 4
United Motor	28 0
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	880 0
Hydary Construction	19 10
Mahamadi Steam	100 0
Sardar Carbonic XD	700 0
Harvey Press	310 0
Gujarat Motor	26 14
Estrella Batteries	30 0
Manmad Press	120 0
National Rayon	55 6
PREFERENCE SHARES	
Tata Steel 1st (6)	198 12
Andhra Valley (7)	1332 8
Tata Power (7-8)	1337 8
Hydro Electric (7)	130 0
Bombay Steamer (6)	223 12
Central India (5)	653 12
Swedish Mills	130 0
Vishnu Mills (7)	672 8
Laxmi	272 8
New Great Mills (5-8)	220 4
Podar Mills (4)	95 0
Shrinivas Mills	98 0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	106 14
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	316 0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	130 0
Pre. Construction First	100 8
Pre. Construction 2nd Pref.	98 0
Amalgamated	115 0
India	72 0
Tata Chemical	125 0
Walchandnagar	130 0
Jupiter	13 4
Supreme	100)
Meyer	102 8
Mackenzie First	85 0
Mackenzie (2)	80 0
Ahmedabad Advance	127 8
Mysore Mill	41 0
Standard	99 0
Madhusudan	12 0
Khatau	100 0
Morarji	94 8
National Rayon	74 8
DEBENTURES	
Andhra 1952	103 4
Gula Kajamsingh	8 9
Rubber Planting	17 0
Bombay Steamer	97 0
Indian Hume Pipe	101 0
Tata Power 1951	103 0
Walchandnagar	105 0
OUTSIDE SHARES	
Burma Corporation	2 11
New Victoria	2 0
New Victoria Pref.	4 2
Phalton	118 0
Gold Mohor	305 0
New Kaiser-i-Hind	325 0
Sajjan	121 0
Osmanshahi	230 0
Ajam Shahi	270 0
Air Service	4 0
Air India	60 0
Hindu Motors	4 15
India Steam	6 8

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

BOMBAY, March 23.

Tata Ordinary 320-8, Tata Deferred 1596-4 Indian Iron 27-15, Steel Corpn. of Bengal 19-10 Bombay Dyeing 1056-4, Central India 234-6, Gokak 265 Kohinoor 315, Simplex 136, Swadeshi 269-6, Tata Power 1535. Associated Cement 153-12, Belapur 226-14, Bombay Burma (Old) 446-4, Scindia 12-15-6, Central Bank 83, New India 55-12, Tata 2nd Pref. 139-12.

LONDON COPRA MARKET

LONDON, March 22.

COPRA: The copra market was steadier on some covering demand. Sellers asked £82-1/2 for straits Dutch Eastindies fair. Merchantable April/May shipment against bids of £82 per ton c.i.f., while Philippines April/May was indicated at 200 dollars per ton f.o.b.

The coconutoil market was quietly steady straits March/April shipment in drums being quoted at £127 and in bulk at £126-1/2 per ton, c.i.f. Ceylon was unquoted.

GOLD AND SILVER

Professional Move For A Corner

BOMBAY, March 23

There was a further sharp rise in Silver prices today. It is feared that professional operators are making determined effort to corner the market and force shorts to cover in a rising market.

On the other side the Government is about to take some effective steps to restrict speculation in Bullion and the present move seems to be a direct reply to the Government.

In the absence of floating stocks in the market, it becomes an easy task to push up prices. This attempt is known in the market and so far the Board has not taken any steps to check this evil. Even the Government is idle and as usual will come forward with some enquiry when sufficient damage is done. Such moves on the part of professional operators are not rare but the custodians of the trade have failed to do anything in the matter.

The market opened firm with Forward Silver quoted at Rs. 185-4 and sharply advanced at Rs. 185-10 on active bidding up by bulls. Calcutta advices were firm and the market sharply responded. Thereafter there was some realising and the market steadied at Rs. 185-8. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 185-11 and the next settlement was quoted at a discount of annas twelve.

The Gold market was quietly steady with little speculative activity. Forward quotations after fluctuating between Rs. 115-9 and Rs. 115-6 steadied at Rs. 115-8. Ready Gold was placed at Rs. 115-10 and Sovereigns were quoted at Rs. 75-8.

Thereafter there was further heavy buying and the market closed as under:—

	Rs.	as.	p.
Ready Silver	186	6	0
Forward	186	8	0
Ready Gold	116	2	0
Forward	115	14	0

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, March 23

2 1/2 per cent 1954	98	15	0
2 1/2 per cent 1950	100	1	0
2 1/2 per cent 1955	99	14	0
2 1/2 per cent 1961	96	15	0
2 1/2 per cent 1950	99	9	0
2 3/4 per cent 1962	99	3	0
2 3/4 per cent 1973	95	12	0
2 per cent Con. X.W.	96	15	0
3 per cent 1951-54	101	4	0
3 per cent 1952-55	101	10	0
3 per cent 1957	101	11	0
3 per cent 1950-51	101	5	0
3 per cent 1963-65	100	6	0
3 per cent 1966-68	100	3	0
3 per cent 1970-75	100	0	0
2 1/2 per cent 1954-59	104	6	0
3 1/2 per cent 1950-70	110	2	0
4 1/2 per cent 1950-55	100	12	0
4 1/2 per cent 1958-60	110	6	0
4 1/2 per cent 1953-56	112	10	0
PROVINCIAL LOANS			
3 per cent Bombay 1962	99	3	0
2 3/4 per cent C. P. 1961	97	2	0
2 3/4 per cent Madras 1981	97	2	0
3 per cent Bombay 1955	100	8	0
3 per cent Bombay 1958	100	4	0
3 per cent Punjab 1952	99	0	0
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100	8	0
3 per cent C. P. 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent U. P. 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent N.-W.-F. 1952	98	2	0
3 per cent U P. 1901-68	99	8	0
3 1/4 per cent Municipal 1977	98	12	0
4 per cent B. P. I. long dated	109	12	0
4 per cent Bombay Muni.	109	12	0
5 per cent Bombay Muni. 1959	114	0	0
6 per cent Bombay Muni. 1954	113	8	0
6 per cent K. P. T. 1950	113	0	0

SHIPPING

The Scindia Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., has issued the following note:—

ARRIVED

S. S. "Bombay" from Australia 22nd March 1950. Capt. Wallwork.

DUE TO ARRIVE

T. S. S. "Jal-Jawahar" from Karachi via Jamnagar, on 25th March, 1950. Capt. J. Taylor.

DUE TO SAIL

T. S. S. "Jal-Jawahar" for U. K./Continent with passengers and general cargo on 30th March, 1950. Capt. J. Taylor.

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

ALEXANDRIA, March 22

KARNAK—		
March	74.85	—30
May	75.85	+30
July	75.75	+05
November	69.80	+15
ASHMOUNI—		
April	76.70	+130
June	76.60	+145
August	68.00	+ 70
October	57.75	— 05

No trading.

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, March 23

The Produce market was quietly steady with restricted business and quotations were as under:—

GROUNDNUTS			
Quality	Rs.	41	12 0
Coromandal		41	4 0
Bold		40	8 0
Oil Local Mills		22	6 0
Oil Upcountry Mills		22	2 0
Oil April delivery		22	5 0
LINSEED			
Bold		38	8 0
Small		36	12 0
March-April		37	10 0
April-May		37	2 0
Oil		21	12 0
CASTORSEEDS			
Ready		28	8 0
Madras		29	0 0

Better Tone On Calcutta Stock Exchange

CALCUTTA, March 23.

With more buying power developed the speculative stocks ruled decidedly a better tone than yesterday. Other stocks also ruled better in sympathy. Following are today's final transactions up to 3-00 p.m.:—

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: Three per cent Loan 1986 96/15, Three per cent Loan 1953/55 101/9 S. Lot, Three per cent Loan 1970/75 99/15, Four per cent Loan 1960/70 109/14 S. Lots.

BANKS: Bengal Central 8/2 CT, Imperial Fully Paid 1745.

COTTONS: Carnpore Textiles 9/13, Elgin Mills 14/12.

COALS: Bengal 496, Burrakur 11/14, Central India 4/2, East Indian 30/14, Jogta 2/14, Equitable 42, New Beerchcom 13/4, Raneegunge 9/7, South Karanpura 24/10, Standard 19/4, Talcher 2/11, Western Bengal 4/2.

JUTES: Anglo-India 176, Barnagore 178, Howrah 24/2, India 132, Kinnison 153, Nuddea 56/8, Champdany 160, National 19/12.

ENGINEERINGS: Bhartia Electric Steel 17/12, Brit. Engineering 12/8, India Machinery 2/4 CT, Indian Iron 28, Kumardhi Eng 7/8, Marshalls 6/12, Steel Corp. 19/10, Textile Machinery 7/1.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corp. 2/11, Indian Copper 2/3, Sone Valley Cement 5/15, Alkali and Chemical 9/4, Calcutta Electric 14/4, Angelo Brothers 24/8, B.I.C. 8/7, F. and C. Osler 5/6, Indian Cables 49/8 CT, Indian Wood Products 31/4 CT, Jardine Henderson 132, Martin Burn 15/2, Metal Corp 4, Rohtas Industry Ordy 4/8, British Burma Petrol 1/5, Shree Gopal Paper 10/6, Titaghur Paper 32/6, Midnapore Zemindary 58, Calcutta Landing and Shipping 13/4, India Steamship 6/11.

SUGARS: Carew and Co. 2/2.

TEAS: Banarhat 282, Bateli 13 S. Lot, Darjeeling Tea and Chinchona 125 S. Lot, Dufflaghur 29 Ex. Div., East India 17/2, Lackatoorah 4, Sapi 15/12, Tezpore 22/14.

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

The following is the Statement of the Affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 17th March:—

LIABILITIES

	Rs.
CAPITAL	5,62,50,000
Reserve Fund	6,30,00,000
Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts	252,03,26,000
Acceptances for Constituents	72,000
Sundries	1,25,52,000
Total	265,22,00,000

ASSETS

	Rs.
INVESTMENTS:—	
Government Securities	90,45,56,000
Other Authorised Investments	13,00,87,000
ADVANCES:—	
Loans	30,48,86,000
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	80,01,30,000
Bills Discounted and Purchased	7,61,32,000
Liability of Constituents for Acceptances per contra	72,000
Dead Stock	1,59,77,000
Sundries	1,45,95,000
CASH:—	
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	33,96,64,000
Balances with other Banks	6,61,01,000
Total	265,22,00,000

LONDON BULLION

LONDON, March 22

Silver spot and forward both 64d.
Gold Bars Fine per oz. £12-8-0

LONDON WHEAT

LONDON, March 22

Australian Wheat March-April 121/8

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, March 23.

Apollo 2-11-6
Bharat 28-8
B. Dyeing 1053-12 50 56-4
C. India 229/8 31-8 31 34
Century 235 33-12
Colaba 100-8
Finlay 258 59
Elphinstone Ord. 59
Gokak 261-8 65
I. U. Defd. 1-14-6
I.U. Ord. 11-14-6 11-14 12
Indore 116-4 12-8 13-12
Kohinoor 314 13 15
Meyer 87-8
Model 158-12
New Great 146-8 48 (Ex Div).
Simplex 184-8 83 86
Svadeshi 266 65 69-8
Swan 322-8
Tata Mills 52
Vishnu 213-12
Scindia 13 12-12-6 12-15 12-14 12-15-6
Baroda 121
Central 82-8 83
Imperial Old 1780
Imperial New 432-8 33-12 31-4 33-12
India 169 69-8
U. Commercial 42-12 43-8
Ahmedabad 128-12 29-6
Andhra 1440 38-12
Hydro 154
Hydro Pref. 130
Suburban 151-4
Power 1532-8 35
New India 55-8 55-12.
Oriental 4710.
Vulcan 13-3 13-4.
B. Steel 19-6 19-9 19-7 19-10.
I. Iron 27-13 27-14 27-10 27-15.
Tata Defd. 1582-8 85 76-4 86-4 81-4 1600 1596-4.
Tata Ord. 317 18-4 17-8 19 18 20-8.
Tata 2nd Pref. 139-8 39-12.
Alcock 283-2 84-6 80.
A. C. C. 152 51-8 53 52-8 54 53-12.
Belapur 223-8 26.
B. B. Old 432-8 37-8 26-4 35 33-12 46-6.
B. B. New 142-8 50 48-12.
B. B. Petrol 1-4-6 1-5 1-4.
B. I. C. 9.
I. Bleaching 150.
I. Copper 2-3.
Kemp 300.
P. Const. 82-8 85-8 85.
Shivrajpur 30.
Tata Chem. 11-3 11-2 11-5 11-4 11-6.
Tata Oil 46 46-8 46-4.
Walchandnagar 143-12.
Wimco 226-4 32-8.

SPECIAL

Ahmedabad Elec. New 77-12.
Laxmi Pref. 275 76-4.

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, March 23.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 Ready.
B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months.
London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 31/32 Ready.
London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months.
London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/32 to 9th Month.
London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Month.
London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month.
London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Month.
London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/8 7th-9th Month.
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month.
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 5/32 5th and 6th Month.
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 3/16 7th-9th Month.
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month.
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Month.
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 7/32 7th-9th Month.
New York B. C. Rate T. T. Rs. 478 1/4. Montreal Rs. 435.
Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 478 1/4 Montreal Rs. 435
Banks Buying T T Rs 475 Montreal Rs. 431 3/4
Banks Buying D. D. Rs. 472 1/2 Montreal Rs. 429 3/4
Banks Buying D. D. Rs. 473 3/4 L/C., Montreal Rs. 430 1/2.
Paris Banks Selling T. T. Fcs. 7250.
Paris Banks Buying T. T. Fcs. 7500.
Amsterdam Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Fl 79.
Switzerland Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Fcs. 90 1/4.
Belgium Banks Selling T T. D. D. Fcs. 1033.
Java Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Gldrs. 79.
Hongkong Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 83 1/4.
Singapore Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 156 3/4.
Manila Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 388 3/4.
New York/London Cross Rate dol. 2.79 7/8 to 2.80 1/8. London/Afghanistan Cross Rate/Afghani Rs. not quoted. London/Alexandria Cross Rate Pts 97 1/4-3/4. London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl 10.63-65 London/Bangkok Cross Rate Tcl 35. London/Belgium Cross Rate Fcs 139.90-140.10. London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36 London/Hongkong Cross Rate 1/2 13/16-1/2 29/32 London/Iran Cross Rate Rl. 89.40-91.00 London/Java Cross Rate Fl 10-63-65 London/Karachi Cross Rate Rs. 2/1-84-2/1.94 London/Lisbon Cross Rate Esc. 80.35. London/Manila Cross Rate Pcs. 5.60-5.65. London/Montreal Cross Rate dol. 3/07 3/4-3.08 1/4. London/New York Cross Rate dol. 2.79 7/8-2.80 1/8. London Oslo Cross Rate Kr. 19.98-20.02. London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs. 979-981. London/Prague Cross Rate K. not quoted. London/Singapore Cross Rate 2/4 1/16 2/4 3/16. London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr. 14.47-50. London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs. 12.23-12.26.
London Discts 3 Mos. 5/8 p.c.
London Discts 6 Mos. 3/4 p.c.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money: Call 3/4 per cent. 3 Mos. 1 1/4 per cent. 6 Mos. 1 1/2 per cent. 12 Mos. 1 3/4 per cent.
Tone: Easy.

Protection To Fine Chemicals Industry

TARIFF BOARD ENQUIRY COMMENCES

BOMBAY, Thursday.

THE fine chemicals industry can be firmly established if its production is properly planned and its various branches are developed under rigid control of costs of production and of quality, observed Mr. G. L. Mehta, President of the Tariff Board, in the course of his opening remarks during the inquiry into the case for protection or assistance to the fine chemicals industry held here today.

Dr. B. V. Narayanaswamy Naidu, Member of the Board, also sat on the Panel which inquired into this case.

The present inquiry is concerned with four chemicals, namely, calcium lactate, iron-ammonium citrate, potassium citrate, and sodium citrate. It will be recalled that the Board had already investigated and submitted its reports on other fine chemicals such as sodium sulphide, photographic chemicals, phosphates and phosphoric acid, chloroform, ether, and sodium and potassium metabisulphites.

IMPORTANCE

Mr. Mehta pointed out that the production of the four chemicals under inquiry (calcium lactate and citrates) by the process of fermentation of molasses or citrus juice, of which there was an abundant supply in the country, could form a nucleus for the production of various other organic compounds, such as butyl alcohol, acetone, acetc acid, ethyl acetate and other products which found a variety of uses in other industries such as paints, plastics, artificial silk, etc. The importance of the fine chemicals industry in national economy was also apparent from the fact that a considerable proportion of fine chemicals was used as drugs.

Referring to the demand of the industry for a complete ban on imports, in addition to a protective duty, Mr. Menta indicated that the industry had already been enjoying indirect protection by way of a ban on imports for balance of payments reasons. While he enquired as to the reasons for the actual production being much below the rated capacity of the industry, he stated that the demand for the chemical products under consideraiton was not large and that the industry should be able to meet the requirements of the country in full.

DEMANDS

In the discussion that followed, the demand for calcium lactate during the next three years was estimated at 60 tons per annum, while that of potassium citrate, sodium citrate and iron-ammonium citrate was estimated at 200 tons, 50 tons, and between 80 and 100 tons per annum, respectively. Actual indigenous production of these chemicals, however, lagged behind demand, although the factories concerned had the necessary capacity to manufacture. The producers attributed this lag between demand and production to very heavy imports during the last two years.

So far as calcium lactate was concerned, the producers suggested that there was no need for any import of this chemical as the principal Indian manufacturers were in a position to produce the chemical of the requisite B. P. quality; there was also the sanction of the Drugs Act to ensure that calcium lactate conforming to the B.P. quality was put on the market.

CITRATES

The claim of the citrates industry to protection or assistance was contested on the ground that it depended on imports for its chief raw material, namely, citric acid. The manufacturers pointed out that they had already taken in hand the question of manufacture of citric acid from indigenous resources but stated that, until such time as they could undertake manufacture of citric acid on a commercial scale which depended on demand of which they were not sure, they had no alternative but to depend on imported citric acid. The manufacturers of citrates also wanted refund of duty on imported citric acid.

On the question of protection to citrates, the manufacturers wanted a protective duty mainly on the ground that the establishment of the citrates industry would lead to the establishment of a chain of other chemical products, thus making the country self-sufficient in respect of the chemical industry as a whole from a long-term point of view.

CONTINENTAL STOCK EXCHANGES

PARIS, March 22.

Apathy again was the keynote of trading on the bourse today with prices showing little response to government's decision to award a five per cent wage increase to certain sections of the industry. However, easing of selling pressure led to occasional small price improvements. In forward trading, banks were steady but industrials and minings eased. On the cash market, spots of resistance were evident among irons and steels. Internationals were rather irregular. French rentes were barley steady.

BRUSSELS: Rubber shares were the centre of interest today recording sharp improvement in lively trading. Banks and colonials were favourably influenced by the trend of rubbers but the electricals and coals finished mixed with losses predominating.

AMSTERDAM: After opening lower, the market recovered closing at yesterday's levels. Black furnaces declined on the capital issue for planned extension. Shippings were firmer and investments steadier.

NEW YORK PEPPER INACTIVE

NEW YORK, March 22.

The market was inactive but steady with spots offered at 1.43 dollars, buyers at 1.41. Holders are displaying more confidence in positions while grinders and dealers are hesitant in raising their price ideas. Also it is expected that windia will continue to dominate the black pepper market. Following are today's closing prices:— Black pepper: (OLD CONTRACT).

Spot 1.41 bid, March 1.45 nom., May 1.41 nom., July 1.37 bid, September 1.31 nominal, October 1.37 nom., December 1.32 nom. January 1.28 asked, February 1.26 asked. White pepper 2.50 asked. NEW CONTRACT.

March 1.45 nom., April 1.42 nom., May 1.41 nom., July 1.37 nom., October 1.37 nom., December 1.32 nom. January 1.30 asked, February 1.28 asked.

SINGAPORE PEPPER PRICE

SINGAPORE, March 22.

The pepper market was stangnant awaiting Indonesian developments. Black lampong was quoted at 570 straits dollars per picul.

LONDON PEPPER MARKET

LONDON, March 22.

The pepper market was neglected and prices were nominal. Black lampong March/April shipment was named at 10sh. 6d., and white muntok at 15sh. 9d. shipping weight with white Sarawak at 16sh. 3d. delivered weight per pound c.i.f., basis ports. Malabar afloat was quoted at 1.130sh., and March/April shipment at 1.125 shillings per cwt., c.i.f., United Kingdom.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, March 22

2 1/2 per cent British Consols	£68 3/4
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan 1961	91 5/8
4 per cent Funding Loan 1960/90	106 1/4
3 1/2 per cent War Loan on or after Dec. 1st 1952	91 3/16
Chartered Bank of India	9 9/16
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London reg.)	23
National Bank of India	31 7/8

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 6,092.

CHICAGO WHEAT

CHICAGO, March 22

March	2.20 1/4
May	2.2? 5/8
July	1.94 5/8
September	1.91 1/8

N. Y. SILVER SALES

SILVER: Sales totalled around 75,000 ounces at unchanged price.

American Markets

Narrow Price Movement On N. Y. Cotton Exchange

WALL STREET FIRM ON INCREASED INVESTMENT DEMAND

BOMBAY, March 23.

Further Congressional delays in cotton acreage legislation, the continued slowness of textiles and the uncertainties over E.C.A. funds in the next fiscal year tended to restrict activity on New York Cotton Exchange on Wednesday. Prices flutuated within a narrow range.

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Prices advanced early in the afternoon on trade buying and short covering in oldcrops plus some replacement demand for deferred deliveries which disclosed a temporary scarcity of contracts. The upturn, however, attracted additional profittaking and scattered hedges with rallying tendencies in nearby may checked by further increases in certificated stocks. The session closed steady with sales estimated at 130,000 bales.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

May	31.70+02
July	31.89—01
October	30.55—02
December	30.36—03
Middling spot	31.80—

New York Cotton May highest 32.16 +12, lowest 32.02—02

NEW YORK COTTON

May	32.05+01
July	32.13—01
October	30.66—
December	30.50+01
Middling spot	32.60+06

WALL STREET MARKET

Aided by more pleasing dividends earnings and encouraging prospects, an expanded investment demand brought a predominance of gains upto dollar led by industrials. Televisions were among favourites and chemicals acted well. Buildings were supported following a commerce department prediction that unfilled demand for new housing will maintain construction work at a high rate for some time. The averages were industrials 208.57 and rails 55.45.

The advance was better supported as some lagging groups showed new signs of life including quality rails and utilities. Gains mostly upto dollar or so in fair activity.. Buying in American foreign power preferreds was attributed to the outlook for further improvement this year in company's financial position and expectations that a new reorganisation plan will be filed in the near future. Some increase in profittaking reduced topmarks here and there in late trading. The market finished at or around day's best. The session closed firm.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, March 22

American Telephone and Telegraph	153 3/4
Amerex Holding Co.	35 3/4
Anaconda Copper Mining	28 5/8
Chase National Bank	38 7/8
Firestone Tyre	59 5/8
General Electric	47 1/8
General Motors	77 1/4
Ingersol Rand	69 1/4
International Nickel	26
National City Bank	47 7/8
New York Central Rail Road	13 1/8
Sinclair Oil Corp.	24 1/2
Socony Vacuum Oil	17 1/4
Texas Corporation	63 1/2
Union Carbide	44 3/8
U. S Smelting and Refining	35
U. S. Steel Common	32 1/4
Western Union	23 7/8

Total number of shares which changed hands during the day was 2,010,000.

The highest and lowest of U. S. Steel trading prices were 32 1/4 and 32 respectively.

CHICAGO GRAINS MARKET

GRAINS ruled firm early on exporter buying of wheat and maize against additional export business while the strength of cotton seed oil encouraged increased demand for soybeans. The upturn, however attracted commission house selling and profittaking. Finally prices rallied again on renewed exporter buying of wheat against a sale of cargo of pacific coast soft-wheat to Ireland. Shortly before the close wheat encountered renewed offerings finishing around day's lows.

Less Expenditure Means Retrenchment

MATTHAI'S REPLY TO TYAGI

Finance Bill Goes To Select Committee

NEW DELHI, March 23. (PTI).

PARLIAMENT today resumed the debate on the Finance Minister Dr. John Matthai's motion for reference of the Finance Bill to a select committee.

Dr. B. Das (Orissa) said that instead of being "charitable" to the upper income groups and industrialists, the Finance Minister should reduce excise duties for the benefit of the "multitudes". More attention should be paid to suggestions in Parliament than to "speeches made at the Federation meeting in the halls of Imperial Hotel".

The Planning Commission, in order to be effective should be an executive body. Otherwise the secretaries in the different Ministries would enjoy too much power.

Instead of meeting the "inordinate and unholy demands of the Indian industrialists" and depending on foreign capital, India should develop her cottage industries.

Machinery should be purchased more and more from continental countries and from the Soviet Union.

"At times even I feel that my Government has love and partiality for the United Kingdom and are getting more and more in love with the U.S.A."

He wanted the amount of Rupees forty-eight crores that Burma owed to India to be paid by the United Kingdom, which has separated Burma "at the point of the dagger". He asked whether India had agreed to advance any loans to Burma as a result of the Colombo Commonwealth Conference. "Sometimes there is a hesitancy on the part of Government to supply this House with proper information. We are always here to guide the Government in such matters."

Mr. K. A. Damodara Menon (Travancore-Cochin) while commending the financial provisions of the budget suggested that there should be "compulsion and regimentation" in every sphere of economic life in the country. Without resorting to such a course, economic planning was not possible.

Stating that there was "no half-way house between economic democracy and economic dictatorship", Mr. Menon said both capital and labour should be prepared to submit to the directives of the Planning Commission if "rapid economic progress" was desired.

MIDDLE CLASSES

The capacity of the middle classes to promote capital formation had not been properly tapped, he added. These classes mainly invested their savings in land. This could be prevented and their capital diverted for industrial purposes by appropriate reform in the land tenure system.

Mr. H. V. Tripathi said that judging the financial proposals from the angle of the pledges given to the masses, their expectations and the future that was held out to them, he felt that they failed miserably. The Government was either frightened by or voluntarily surrendered to the capitalists and industrialists and had hedged in the economy of the country on big industry which could never solve the unemployment problem of the country.

DISASTER AHEAD

Mr. A. N. Ratnaswamy said that though the budget undid the mischief and machinations of the Liaquat Ali budget, nevertheless it was a "businessman's budget". The Finance Minister seemed to have too much confidence in the mercantile community and capitalists who were responsible for the deterioration in the economic conditions in India. They lacked "social consciousness and social outlook and it was surprising that the Finance Minister should expect co-operation from such people. The Finance Minister had not given adequate attention to the poor people and unless their suffering were alleviated, it would spell disaster to the Government. Not even a token allotment had been made to ameliorate the conditions of Harijans who desired economic uplift as well.

Mr. C. C. Shah complained that the income side had been inflated and expenditure deflated to produce a surplus. He thought that the anticipation of Rs. 106 crores from customs and Rs. 182.62 crores from income-tax would not come true and the present high level of revenues could not be maintained because of the restrictions on import and foreign exchange, the slump in business. On the expenditure side, no reduction in military expenditure was possible and the civil expenditure had grown from Rs. 7.5 crores in 1938/39 to Rs. 50 crores in 1950/51.

He pleaded for the removal of control in regard to coal, iron and steel, cement and sugar.

Mr. Hossain Imam said that there should be a conscious planning and direction according to India's means, so that within a measure of time, some of the important problems could be solved. For that purpose, there should be priority and grading within that priority. The whole burden of the future planning was dependent on bringing down the costs which accounted for 75 per cent of the troubles. The resources of India must be properly assessed first and means should be evolved to develop them. A vast tract of land, rich in mineral and iron, remained neglected in Himachal Pradesh.

RURAL POPULATION

Mr. H. S. Rudrappa (Mysore) pleaded strongly the cause of rural population and said that political freedom meant nothing to the vast majority of the people if it did not secure for them economic freedom also.

A vast majority of the people, Mr. Rudrappa said, were not deriving any benefit from the budget and it was not enough if opportunity for production was given to a few urban towns while the rural areas were starved. Food rationing was introduced for the benefit of urban people and controls, always associated with the black-market, corruption and demoralisation had turned the land of fame into a "land of dishonesty."

Mr. B. K. Pani (Orissa) said the Finance Minister had not given sufficient attention to the needs of the rural people. He pleaded for more intensive measures to get more food and save the cattle wealth of the country.

Mr. Krishna Mohan Tripathi (Madhya Pradesh) criticised the "vacillating" policy of the Government. This policy was evident, he said, from the "mixed economy propounded in the budget". Economic progress in the country was possible only if the Government followed either capitalist or socialist economy.

He believed that fresh concessions given to the Indian capital in the budget would not bring about the desired result. These concessions should, instead, have been given to the middle classes "who are the genuine investors".

Mr. B. P. Jhunjhunwala (Bihar) urged the Government to adopt a "strong and definite" policy in economic matters. It was wrong, he said, to look to foreign capital for building up Indian industries.

"We must stand on our own legs by trying various methods—primitive or modern—to produce wealth in our country. Foreigners will co-operate with us only if we ourselves are in a position to give them something in return," he said.

CAPITAL FORMATION

Mr. M. Satyanarayana (Madras) expressed surprise at the "undue concern" shown by the Finance Minister for capital formation. Various concessions given to the Indian capital for the purpose would ultimately fail to achieve their purpose because they were directed towards urban areas, he said. "The real and natural capital formation consists in producing more wealth in the rural areas of the country."

NOTE CIRCULATION INCREASE

Due To Busy Season

Replying to the debate, the Finance Minister, Dr. John Matthai, said he was often asked by people how exactly he would account for the rather sudden increase recently in the note issue The position was not nearly so alarming as some people made out, because during the busy season as a rule there was always an increase in the note circulation.

Last year there was an increase of somewhere about Rs. 30 to Rs. 35 crores during the period November to March. This year apparently there had been an increase of somewhere about Rs. 65 to Rs. 70 crores. The increase in the note issue in consequence of the busy season was entirely accounted for by the fact that the country's exports had increased while imports had not increased.

India's imports had been curtailed partly because of the suspension of licences for a short period and partly because of the delay in the issue of licences. But it was to be expected that in the next few months there would be a considerable increase in the imports, subject, of course, to the limits based on foreign exchange.

When that position was arrived at the reverse process would be set in motion. He was expecting, therefore, that on the whole, within a relatively short period, the position would more or less right itself.

REDUCTION OF EXPENSES

Mr. Tyagi had asked for a hundred crores reduction in public expenditure. Dr. Matthai said that when Mr. Tyagi made this suggestion last year, he did not take much notice of it as he thought Mr. Tyagi had made it rather out of enthusiasm than out of conviction.

But since Mr. Tyagi had repeated the suggestion, he had worked out that to save one hundred crores he would have to throw out of employment from all services, including defence and railway, six lakhs of men He had no doubt what Mr. Tyagi's reaction would be if anything of that kind were done (Laughter).

CURTAIN LECTURES

Mr. Tyagi had said that Dr. Matthai's Budget proposals were unfair to Mrs. Matthai because he had made no distinction between the "single ones" and those with wives, children and dependents. "I was rather touched by his little reference to my wife", said Dr. Matthai.

Mr. Sondhi: That is a common failing.

Mr. Tyagi: That is everybody's weakness.

The Finance Minister, continuing, "assured" Mr. Tyagi that Mrs. Matthai had reacted to the Budget "extremely well".

"My lot would have been unendurable", Dr. Matthai added, "if I had to listen to parliamentary criticisms by day and to curtain lectures by night (loud laughter and cheers).

I have not considered it worth-while to accept Mr. Tyagi's proposition for this reason, that in a country like ours, where marriage is the rule and the unmarried state is very much an exception, the right way of proceeding is to fix your income tax rates at a level which would straightaway make allowance for the fact that every assessee has certain family obligations to meet. That is the principle on which we are proceeding".

Dr. Matthai said that Mr. Tyagi's statistics and economics did not appeal to him because "it was quite obvious to me that he must have taken them bodily from somewhere or from somebody else. There was a great deal of undigested material".

The Finance Minister said he had always had the feeling, ever since he began to apply his mind to the question, that the Hindu undivided family required differential treatment in regard to assessment. He had been trying since last year to rectify the position as far as he could.

LOWER INCOME-TAX LEVELS

Rates Very Reasonable

As regards the lower levels of income-tax assessees, Dr. Matthai maintained that the Indian rates were lower than those in any country he could recall On the merits, he did not feel there was a case for granting any relief in addition to the relief given by him last year to assessees up to a limit of Rs. 10,000 a year.

"If you take a person who gets Rs. 3,600 a year or Rs. 300 a month, the amount of tax that he pays today is Rs. 5. When our country is passing through this difficult period, having achieved its independence and being under obligation to maintain that independence having all these problems of relief and rehabilitation on our hands, may I ask in all seriousness: is it too much to ask a citizen of this country to pay five rupees out of Rs. 300 he makes every month?"

A TRIAL

"As far as I could gather, the feeling of this House is that since tax relief has been given to the higher income groups, it is necessary that some kind of gesture should be made in regard to the lower income groups, that is to say, if I had not provided in my Budget for tax relief to the higher classes, this would not have arisen.

"That I think is the view that most members hold. All that I can say at present is: since that happens to be the view held by most members who have taken part in these prolonged debates, I am prepared to co-operate with the Select Committee in trying to find a solution" (Cheers).

He however, set his face strongly against Mr. Tyagi's suggestion that the distinction between earned and unearned income should be maintained. It was wrong to have ever introduced it, said the Finance Minister.

STATES' SHARE

One of the criticisms levelled over and over again against the Budget proposals was that he had tried to adjust his income-tax proposals in such a way that the provinces had been "cheated". Dr. Matthai said: "In the Budget of 1949-50, the provinces were to have got Rs 40 crores as their share of the divisible pool of income-tax.

Actually, on the revised estimates for 1949-50 they are going to get Rs 45 crores under my proposals. Whatever might be the income-tax arrangements, the States are going to get three crores more in 1950-51 than they got on the revised estimates of 1949-50

SETTLE DOWN

Replying to criticisms that the tax reliefs given this year would not stimulate investment, Dr Matthai said: "I have been assured over and over again by people who have never been anywhere near the investment market that my hopes are not going to be realised at all (laughter)."

After the remissions proposed by him, said Dr. Matthai, the level of direct taxation would be such that the economy could bear. "As far as I am concerned", he added, "so long as I have anything to do with the Finance Ministry, there will be no further reductions in the level of direct taxation except such minor adjustments as circumstances may call for from time to time. So those who are affected by direct taxation will do well to make note of these facts, to adjust themselves to these levels of taxation and settle down to them".

The suggestion had been made by more than one speaker that something might be done in the way of reducing the excise duty on medium and coarse cloth. Dr. Matthai maintained that such reduction would benefit only the middle man.

FOREIGN CAPITAL

Dr. Matthai asked Mr. B. Das to reconsider his views on the subject of foreign capital "because we are really in a very tight position. If your own capital market is stagnant and you have got very big developmental projects on hand, it does not seem to me that we should be able to make any progress unless we are prepared to welcome and induce foreign capital into the country".

The Finance Minister described as an "excellent idea" Mr. Tyagi's suggestion that one of the best things that could be done for the country would be to finance the purchase of simple machines which people could work in their own homes. But care must be taken to prevent labour being sweated in cottage industries, said Dr. Matthai.

LABOUR SAVING

"Secondly, it is very necessary that labour saving appliances should be introduced so that a certain amount of time would be left to the members of the family for cultural and artistic enjoyment.

"The question of power is also very important. If for the proper organisation of the cottage industry, generation of electricity and labour-saving services are important matters, then you cannot develop your cottage industry unless you are prepared to have also your large-scale industry organised".

The House adopted Dr Matthai's motion to refer the bill to a Select Committee and adjourned till tomorrow.

'GOING TO DOGS' PARLIAMENTARY

NEW DELHI, March 23 (PTI). —The expression "Going to Dogs" is Parliamentary if it is not used to refer to members of Parliament.

This ruling was given by the Speaker, Mr. G. V. Mavlankar in Parliament today over a supplementary by Mr. Deshbandu Gupta when he said that an Ayurvedic-Unani College in Delhi "was going to dogs." Mr. Joachim Alva asked whether it was Parliamentary?

The Speaker said: "When the use is with reference to matters other than members, it is Parliamentary."

No Need For Inquiry Into Pre-Fabs

MINISTER'S REPLY TO SCEPTIC MEMBERS

NEW DELHI March 23 (PTI).

THE affairs of the Government prefabricated housing factory in Delhi again figured at question time in Parliament today. The Health Minister told Dr. P. S. Deshmukh that the roof of the 'aicrete house' was being redesigned to eliminate the use of aluminium components.

The Minister said that two experts had been invited to train Indian draftsmen and junior engineers in the design work. They would probably stay in India for about six months. Government had no precise information about their salaries and allowances which would continue to be paid by their firm in United Kingdom The Government of India would, however, reimburse the firm the entire cost of the visit of these experts to India in accordance with the agreement with the firm.

Mr. Kamath: "Is it a fact that the Managing Director has agreed to pay the consulting firm for the aluminium component required for the first 1,000 houses and at twice the cost contrary to the agreement?"

The Health Minister: "Aluminium has got to be used for the first 1,000 houses in accordance with the agreement and after that no more aluminium need be used. The cost has gone up because of the devaluation and other circumstances which could not be foreseen. Nothing has been done by the Managing Director but only in accordance with the agreement."

EXPERTS' SALARY

Mr. Kamath asked whether it was not true that the agreement specified that the experts would be paid at the rate of which first class Government officers are paid and not more.

The Health Minister: "They are paid according to the salaries that the firm gives them."

Mr. Kamath: "Was it not possible to secure the services of the Indian Engineers to redesign the roof?"

The Health Minister: "No, Sir. We have not got the experts who can do that work."

Mr. Kamath: "Were any attempts made at all to get Indian experts?"

The Health Minister: "It is not possible to get experts in India for a work which has never been carried out here."

SERVICE CHARGES

Answering another question on the same subject, the Minister said that it was a fact that in the original estimates a sum of £10,000 was provided for the service charges to the consulting firm for erection of the factory. It was, however, also pointed out by the consultants that this was only an estimated figure based on past experience and that they would charge a sum based on the actual cost of the service provided, plus an amount of overheads based on the figures for similar work in the U.K. for the British Government.

In January this year the Indian High Commissioner's office in London estimated that the sum to be paid to the consultants during the year on account of their technical services would be £24,000. Particulars regarding the amounts claimed and paid were being ascertained from the High Commissioner's office.

H. V. Kamath: "Is it a fact that the consulting firm submits the bills here before presenting them for payment to the High Commissioner's office?"

The Health Minister: "No. It is not so."

Mr. Mahavir Tyagi: "Will Government institute an enquiry into the whole scandal of the prefabricated houses?"

The Speaker disallowed the question.

Mr. Tyagi: "In view of the repeated interpellations made in the House, will Government consider the advisability of appointing a committee to enquire into the conditions under which this factory is being raised?"

The Health Minister: "No, sir. Government does not feel there is any necessity for an enquiry of such a nature."

State Lotteries

Sardar Patel, Minister of Home Affairs, said Government's policy was not to encourage state lotteries. No such lotteries had been organised, he added.

Sardar Patel said that on the 20th March, 1950 404 ICS and 425 Indian Administrative Service officers were on service of the Government.

The Defence Minister said one Mr Nadvi, an employee of the Pakistan Embassy in Burma was allowed to enter Srinagar by the Government of India. He applied for a permit on the ground of serious illness of his father at Srinagar and other domestic reasons and a permit was issued for one week's stay only. The period of stay was later extended at the instance of the Jammu and Kashmir Government.

Excavations

Replying on behalf of the Education Minister, Mr. Khurshed Lal said a noteworth find of archaeological importance in 1949-50 was a stone statue of a female figure of Sunga Age (2nd Century B.C.) at Patna. A few important sculptures, some of them inscribed, had also been found during the year near about Nalanda in District Patna.

During the year 1949-50, the Department of Archaeology had restarted the excavations at Sisupalgarh near Bhuvaneshwar, Orissa. The neighbouring site of Dhauli which contained an edict of Emperor Asoka of the third century B.C was also being excavated, he said. The work was progressing and it would be some time before any definite results could be known. A few typical 'megaliths in the Chingleput District were also being excavated. This work was also in progress. The University of Allahabad had been carrying on with the help and advice of the Director-General of Archaeology excavations at the important site of Kausambi near Allahabad. Already two hoards of coins and a hoard of terracotta objects showing Parthian influence had been found.

Hindi Shorthand

The Deputy Minister of Communications, Mr. Khurshid Lal replying on behalf of the Education Minister said that Government were running four institutes for training in shorthand in Hindi. He said the recommendations of the Committee appointed by the Constituent Assembly on this subject was under the consideration of Government

Sardar Patel said that as a result of reorganisation of the Government in Manipur State, certain posts were abolished and some officers and clerks were retrenched.

MR. J. N. HAZARKA: Is it not a fact some people were retrenched because they were Communists?

SARDAR PATEL: It is not so. But if they are Communists they will certainly go out (laughter)

Streptomycin

The Health Minister told Mr. H. V. Kamath that the Government had received complaints in regard to their present method of distributing Streptomycin. "The question of replacing the present method of distribution is under the consideration of the Government of India."

Crime Against Civilisation

COMILLA (East PAKISTAN), March 23 (U.P.I.): Addressing a public meeting here, Mr. Nurnabi Choudhury, Commissioner, Dacca and Chittagong divisions, attributed the cause of the present communal trouble to "counsel of despair" and "confusion of thoughts" which had seized the people all over the world following the second world war. He criticised the policy followed by the British bureaucracy which concerned itself mostly with the government machinery and did little to ameliorate the conditions of the general masses. This policy should go, he emphasised, and a policy aiming at the good of the common people should be adopted

Referring to the troubles in East Pakistan, Mr Choudhury said that these acts of violence and retaliation were crimes against community and civilisation and were absolutely un-Islamic.

More Arrests

HOOGHLY, March 23 (UPI) One man was arrested by the police on suspicion at Champdani four miles from Serampore Interrogated by the police he gave his real name as Mohiuddin and stated that he was a member of the Ansar party

At Bansberia two Muslims were arrested by the police Some documents were recovered from them It is alleged that they are Pakistani spies

All the three persons have been sent to the police custody

DISCREDITABLE METHODS OF TAX EVASION

Commission's Work Made Tougher

101 CASES DISPOSED OF

NEW DELHI, March 23 (PTI).

THE Income-Tax Investigation Commission furnished during 1949 reports to the Central Government on 101 cases, involving concealed money to the tune of Rs. 2,88,06,507, out of a total of 1,365 cases pending before it, says the administration report of the Commission for the year 1949.

Though the Commission had not yet come to grips with the biggest cases, the report pointed out, the reports submitted so far gave a fair sample of the methods of evasion adopted and the magnitude of amounts involved in such concealments.

The report said that "with the exception of one single case no accounts of the secret profits could be obtained and the whole story of the evasion had to be reconstructed and the quantum of concealment determined from unexplained investments."

The magnitude of the work which had to be done by the Commission would be appreciated if it was realised that in each case referred to the Commission, the authorised official had to study the available records for the years 1940 to 1948, i.e., for about seven or eight years and to make enquiries regarding all these years. Hence the number of cases for consideration was in effect seven or eight times the actual number of cases assigned to each officer.

EXCELSIOR!

The Commission, however, hoped the report said, that the new year would see greater endeavours on their part so as to complete within the time allowed, the heavy work which still remained to be done.

The report which was laid on the table in Parliament today by Finance Minister Matthai does not mention the amount recovered so far as a result of investigations carried out by the Commission.

Referring to settlement cases the report said that in a number of such cases profits concealed from the Income-tax Department were disclosed. But the whole truth was rarely disclosed at the outset. As the law laid down that the Commission must satisfy itself that the settlement offered was fair and reasonable before recommending it to the Government for acceptance, investigations had to be continued even in cases where the parties came forward with an offer of settlement.

In many cases, the investigation resulted in adding substantial sums to the amount originally offered for settlement.

DISCREDITABLE

Giving a summary of the "discreditable methods of evasion and concealment" adopted by assesees, the report said that these methods "run more or less true to type." Managing agents of companies, particularly textile mills, had been found to have made secret profits for themselves in various ways, prejudicial alike to the revenue and to the shareholders. Cost of production had been inflated by making entries of purchases of raw materials never made or made through a chain of intermediate concerns which were really "benamidars" of the managing agents.

The report gave an instance of a doctor who made "colossal profits" by selling in the black market part of the quota of quinine and sugar supplied to him by the Government for the manufacture of glucose and ampoules for quinine injections for the troops and substituting chalk for quinine and some inferior sweet for sugar.

MORE DIFFICULTIES

The difficulties of investigation work had been increased, the report said, by the fact that almost every assessee had connections, business interests and bank accounts in different parts of the country. His possessions, whether money or other property, were found to be widely scattered. One of the main sources of leakage of revenue was the existence of Indian States, which provided a "safe sanctuary" for black-market money. The arms of the Income-Tax Department were not long enough to reach out to those places and concealed money was put in "these asylums" during the war period successfully.

The Commission, however, early in the year moved the States Ministry and got legislation passed in various States so as to compel parties and institutions in the States to comply with requests from the Commission for information. Some delay necessarily occurred as the political conditions at that time were in a fluid state and it was not desired to press these matters in a way which might embarrass the States Ministry in this work, but legislation had now been passed in all the States to this effect.

REQUISITIONS

The Commission, the report said, had issued requisitions to banks in the States on promulgation of Ordinances or regulations empowering the Commission to obtain information. So far replies had been received to 340 requisitions issued by the Commission covering over 6,000 foolscap pages. The number of sheets containing information relating to the Provinces of India was 11,000. This was being scrutinised by the Commission's authorised officers.

The magnitude of information obtained from banks, the report pointed out, would be appreciated if it was realised that the number of entries obtained as a result of these requisitions was not less than two lakhs. As this kind of collection of information had never been done in the Income-Tax Department in the past, the information was likely to prove very useful not only in the cases referred to the Commission, but also for the working of the department in the years to come.

According to the report, rich assessees of Indian Provinces invested their money in loans floated by Indian States in the belief that such investments might not come to the notice of the authorities here. Replies had been received from several States regarding such investments.

The Commission was also collecting relevant information from railway records. It was hoped that the material collected would be found useful in connection with the tracing of despatch of finished goods and raw materials from place to place and of blackmarket transactions which had not been recorded in the regular books of accounts.

India Draws 10 Crore Dollars From I. M. F.

NO PROPOSAL FOR FRESH LOAN, SAYS MATTHAI

NEW DELHI, March 23, (UPI):

DR. JOHN MATTHAI, FINANCE MINISTER, TOLD MR. R. K. SIDHVA IN PARLIAMENT TODAY THAT SO FAR INDIA HAD DRAWN 100,000,000 DOLLARS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND TOWARDS THE LOANS SANCTIONED. HE ADDED THAT THERE WAS AT PRESENT NO PROPOSAL UNDER CONTEMPLATION FOR A FRESH LOAN.

Sardar Baldev Singh, Defence Minister, told Mr. Haribahadur Gurung that the number of cadets in the Indian Military Academy since the inception of the post-war regular commission course were 247, 274, 202, 182, 147, & 156 respectively in the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and the seventh courses.

The Defence Minister also told Mr. Mon Mohan Das in reply to another question that the Mahar regiment still existed in the Indian army and the name of the regiment would be changed shortly. The names of other similar denominational regiments would also be changed, he added.

The Finance Minister told Dr. Das that the expenses incurred by Indian Embassies and legations abroad were audited Expenses incurred in respect of the High Commissioner's office in London was audited by an auditor of Indian accounts in London and elsewhere they were inspected and audited by the Auditor General. He also told in reply to supplementaries that the person who audited the accounts in the High Commissioner's office in London was a Britisher.

Dr. Matthai told Mr. Das in reply to another question that there were 82 wine shops and bars in Delhi province on the first of January 1950 The annual income of the Government as licence fee in respect of these wine shops and bars was Rs. 5,15,063 during 1948-49. The date of issue of licence for the last new bar, he added, was February 1, 1950.

Asked what was the policy of the Government in respect of bars Dr Matthai said that it was really a question for the Home Minister to answer; but the policy of the Government. He believed was to introduce complete prohibition within a reasonably short period

Mr Tyagi's supplementary "who deals in liquor" was not answered and the Speaker calling for order proceeded to the next question.

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No Passport For American Scientist To Visit India

STATE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS IT AGAINST U. S. INTERESTS

ROCHESTER, New York, March 22. (PTI-Reuter): The State Department has refused a passport to Dr. Bernard Peters, 39-year-old research physicist. for a trip to India to study cosmic rays the University of Rochester disclosed today.

The studies were to have been sponsored and financed by the United States office of naval research under 12,000-dollar grant.

Dr. Peters. a German educated native of Poland. came to America in 1934 and became a citizen in 1940.

In 1948 he was questioned in France by navy security officers and on his return to the United States he was questioned by the House Un-American Activities Committee at a closed hearing Records of the hearing were never made public

Dr. Alan Valentine. President of the University said from personal investigation "nothing emerged which in my opinion should impair our confidence in Dr Peters"

A State Department spokesman in Washington said today the passport was refused as being against the interests of the United States at this time" but would be reconsidered "if Dr Peters can produce evidence that it is not contrary to the country's interests."

Dr. Peters has been specialising in study of cosmic rays at high altitudes by means of photographic plates carried aloft by balloons.

The base of operations in India was to be at the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research in Bombay described by Dr. Peters as the only organisation in the world offering full scientific facilities near the magnetic equator

He said the equatorial zone was particularly suited for study of cosmic rays of high energy.

Danger Of War In Mid East

AMERICAN'S FEARS

WASHINGTON, March 23 (PTI): The danger of a new war between Israel and the Arab states persists in the Middle East, Dr. J. C. Hurewitz, a former United States State Department official, said in a report published today by the Foreign Policy Association.

The Association is a private organisation of foreign policy experts.

Dr. Hurewitz said the present armistice agreements have merely stopped the war, but had not solved the problems appertaining to Israel's boundaries, the disposition of the Arab fragment of Palestine, the Arab refugees and Jerusalem.

"As long as these questions remain unsettled the danger of renewed fighting will persist", he added.

TOUCH OF PRE-WAR PAGEANTRY

Ambassadors' Procession In London

LONDON, March 23, (PTI-Reuter): Another touch of pre-war pageantry returned to London today when two new Ambassadors, Dr. Soebandrio of Indonesia and Senor Don Gonzalo Zaldumbide of Ecuador, drove to Buckingham Palace in state to present their letters of credence to King George VI.

Until now motor-cars had been used.

Sir John Monck, Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, travelled with each of the new envoys in turn.

A second landau carrying members of the Ambassadors staff made up in each case a small colourful procession.

West German Proposals Rejected

FRANKFURT, March 23 (PTI-Reuter): The West German Communist Press today published an official party statement rejecting West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's proposals for Franco-German economic union and for all-German elections.

Prof. Blackett Visiting India

NEW DELHI, March 23 (PTI): Prof P. M. S. Blackett, the well-known scientist is visiting India at the invitation of the ministry of defence. He is arriving in Bombay tomorrow from the United Kingdom.

Prof. Blackett is an authority on operational research and became famous for work on atomic energy. He was also awarded the Nobel Prize.

During his stay in India Prof. Blackett will have discussion with the Defence Science Organisation. He is expected to be in India for about a fortnight.

CZECH ESPIONAGE TRIAL ENDS

15 Years' Hard Labour For Catholic Priest

PRAGUE, March 22. (PTI-Reuter): A Roman Catholic priest Father Porizeh was sentenced to 15 years hard labour by a state court at Hodonin, in Southern Moravia. when he was one of group of 10 men and four women charged with terrorism. murder. and espionage. the newspaper "Prace" reported here tonight.

One man—a Czech army deserter—was sentenced to death and the 12 other defendants received sentences ranging from life imprisonment to four years hard labour

They were alleged to have worked for American. Vatican and French intelligence services

The paper said two defendants got 30 years hard labour One woman got 25 years and another 20 years.

Seretse Khama To Fly Back To Africa

LONDON, March 22. (PTI-Reuter): Seretse Khama, banished claimant to the chieftainship of the Bamangwate tribe. will definitely fly. back to Africa, his lawyer said today.

The twenty-seven-year-old African should have gone home on Tuesday morning after Commonwealth Minister Patrick Gordan-Walker had announced a temporary lifting of the five year ban. But Seretse, with his bags packed, decided at the last moment to wait on in London for the white paper the Government is publishing today giving reasons why it decided to exile the African and his wife, former London typist Ruth Williams. from his tribe.

Seretse is due to arrive at Livingstone, Northern Rhodesia on Sunday afternoon and expects to travel immediately by charter plane to Caberones. Bechuanaland.

Seretse's Adviser Leaves For S. Africa

LONDON, March 23 (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Percy Fraenkel, Legal Adviser to Seretse Khama, exiled Chief-Designate of the Bamangwato tribe, flew from London to South Africa today.

Mr. Fraenkel, a Mafeking lawyer, came to London with Seretse for talks with the British Colonial Office. Seretse is due to leave tomorrow.

S. African Permit System Extended

CAPE TOWN, March 23 (PTI): South Africa has extended current permits for imports from the soft currency area by three months, it was announced today. The permits were granted under the restricted Import Licenses System announced in January.

The extension will allow permits for shipment of goods upto June 30 to remain valid upto September 30.

DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE

Wilfred Lazarus, P. T. I. special correspondent was externed from East Pakistan on the ground that his descriptions of loot and arson were "imaginary". The correspondent maintains that the facts were given by an East Pakistan Minister.

COMMONWEALTH MINISTERS TO CONFER AGAIN?

Discussions On A Meeting In Canberra

LONDON, March 23 (PTI-Reuter).

COMMONWEALTH countries are discussing plans for a ministerial conference on Southern Pacific and Far East problems at Canberra in May, authoritative quarters here said today.

The conference would not be at Prime Ministerial level and the Foreign Secretaries of the Commonwealth nations would not necessarily take nied.

A report from Australia suggesting a Commonwealth Prime Ministers' meeting at Canberra next month was denieid.

The Commonwealth nations are still exchanging views on the ministerial meeting projected. Its purpose would be to continue discussions of Far Eastern problems from the point where they were left at the Commonwealth Foreign Ministers Conference in Ceylon in January.

WORKING COMMITTEE

Mr. Percy Spender, Australian Minister of External Affairs, announced yesterday in Canberra that representatives of all countries of the British Commonwealth would meet soon in London in a Working Committee to discuss proposals for a peace treaty with Japan.

He recalled that a decision to establish this Working Committee had been taken at the Colombo Conference last January.

The date of the London meeting, it was learned here, is not yet fixed. The second half of April has been suggested tentatively. British experts are still working on a brief for the meeting which when complete will be submitted for Cabinet approval.

The Conference, according to Commonwealth officials here, is likely to take the broad agreements reached at the Canberra Conference of 1947 as a starting point for discussion. It will aim at bringing Commonwealth thinking on the Far Eastern peace treaty up to date with developments since then.

It is not expected that each member of the Commonwealth will attempt to produce a draft Japanese peace treaty for the London talks, according to Australian officials here.

Individual countries will rather bring working papers on various aspects of the peace settlement as a basis for Commonwealth discussion, which will be co-ordinated as far as possible into a joint Commonwealth policy before any wider international conference of the Far East.

South Indian office boys in Singapore have succeeded in raising a Tamil school for their education. They made collections totalling 10,000 dollars (about Rs. 15.500) for the school, and the Government supplemented it with a grant of 6,000 dollars (about Rs. 9,300).

FIGHTING REDS IN AUSTRALIA

Government Assumes Emergency Powers

CANBERRA, March 23 (PTI-Reuter): Australia today invoked far reaching emergency powers—including the right of immediate arrest, the banning of meetings and the death penalty for treason—to fight laboua disorders and Communism.

Prime Minister Robert Menzies, invoking the Emergency Crimes Act, said its powers would be used against Communists pending the passing of special legislation ao be introduced soon to outlaw the Communist Party in Australia.

Faced with a steel and shipping strike crisis, the country also proclaimed "a state of serious industrial disturbance". The proclamation issued by the Governor-General said the situation was "prejudicing or threatening trade and commerce with other countries and among the States of Australia."

Mr. Menzies told a tense House of representatives "We will deal with Communists here once and for all."

The proclamation arose directly from a series of "rolling strikes" on the Brisbane waterfront, but the Government's new powers, which would be exercised "with vigour and complete determination", would apply to other current strikes.

It was understood here that the Government would await weekend events before enforcing the powers proclaimed.

Good News To Diabetics

NEW YORK, (IPS): Nearly all people suffering from diabeties can live normal and health lives without daily dose of insulin, declares a report of the American Chemical Society. The new treatment is based on diet and about 99 per cent of adults with diabetes can get along with out insulin according to Dr. Michael Somogyi, a noted bio-chemist. The others need only a small amount of insulin daily.

"Too much insulin can be dangerous poisoning a diabetic and making of war in his body, the doctor declared. This way to freedom from insulin was found, it is claimed, after 14-year study of 4,000 diabetic patients in St. Louis.

Restoring Stable Govt. In Burma

Britain Doing Her Best, Says Bevin

LONDON, March 22 (PTI-Reuter): Britain is doing her best to restore stable government in Burma, Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin told Parliament today.

Mr. Frederick Erroll, Conservative, had asked what he was doing to safeguard British assets there.

Mr. Bevin replied that the British Government's policy towards Burma aimed to secure the fundamental prerequisites to the safeguarding of British assets—the independence of Burma, friendly Burmese-British relations and restoration of internal law and order.

The Government of Burma's undertaking to give fair treatment to British interests was embodied in the exchange of letters annexed to the Anglo-Burmees Treaty of 1947 and was extended by exchange of notes made at Rangoon on December 24, 1949, he said.

Mr. Erroll remarked that this had met with little success. Did the Government contemplate more effective steps?

Mr. Bevin replied: "It is unfortunate that there is a civil war in Burma. I cannot promise success but we are doing our best to restore stable Government in Burma."

Replying to another question, Mr. Bevin said Burma had received about £72,000,000 from Britain since the end of the war.

Of this the payment of some £36 000,000 was waived under the terms of the 1947 Anglo-Burmese Treaty and about £1,000.000 had been repaid, he added.

GUARDING HANFORD ATOMIC PLANT

U. S. Rushes More Fighter Units To North-West

WASHINGTON, March 22 (PTI-Reuter): More fighter units were today ordered to America's north-west to guard air approaches to the atomic plant at Hanford, Washington State, and other vital defence establishments.

The Air Force announced that headquarters of the 81st Fighter Interceper Wing and two of its squadrons are being moved from Kirtland base, Albuquerque, New Mexico to the base at Moyes Lake, Washington.

The Air Force also disclosed that squadrons of the 325th All-weather Fighter Wing, already stationed in the north-West, will be equipped late this summer with Lockheed F-94 radar-equipped jet fighters.

Terrorism In Saigaon

FRENCH TROOPS ALERTED

SAIGON, March 23. (PTI-Reuter): Viet Namese Police and French troops were today ordered to remain in a "state of alert' as a fresh wave of terrorism swept over the town.

Generally well-informed sources said French troops were being reinforced at the Viet Namese Government's request to protect the town from further attacks by guerillas of Viet Minh.

Today the chieftain of a neighbouring village was found dead in his home with four bullets in his body.

A Customs Officer was wounded by gunfire for refusing to put down his revolver when ordered to do so by Viet Minh irregulars.

Most shops and garages were closed. Viet Minh had called a general strike to protest against arrest and conviction of people who took part in Sunday's market place riots.

All taxi drivers and most street hawkers and pedlars joined the strike and about half of the stall-keepers in markets and bazars closed their stalls.

Students at colleges and private schools continued their "strike holiday" begun on Monday as a protest against arrests of rioters.

PEACE TREATY WITH JAPAN

Australia To Demand Special Provisions

CANBERRA, March 23 (PTI-Reuter): Australia will insist on special provisions being included in the peace treaty with Japan to prevent her from engaging in cut-throat competition for world markets, Mr. Perce Spender, Australian Minister for External Affairs told Parliament today.

The Australian Government was determined to protect the interests of Australian industries, he added.

Japan Not To Import Indian Cotton

TOKYO, March 23, (PTI-Reuter): The Japanese Government, faced with sterling shortage, has decided to suspend further purchases of raw cotton from India and Egypt during the current year, according to the leading Japanese economic daily newspaper, "Nihon Jeki" today.

Japan originally planned to purchase 1,300,000 bales of raw cotton—900,000 from the United States and 400,000 from India, Egypt and other sterling countries.

It is estimated that already 100,000 bales have been brought from sterling countries.

Purchases from the United States, will be increased by 300,000 bales, making a total of 1,200,000.

Jap Gangsters' Hide-Out Raided

TOKYO, March 23 (PTI-Reuter): Two hundred armed Japanese police today raided gangsters' hideouts between Tokaido health resort, and Yokahama, a port on Japan's main island, and made a big haul of arms and ammunition.

INDIA BUYS JAP SHIPS

TOKYO, Mrch 23 (PTI-Reuter): The Japanese Government released details of the previously reported sale of two ships to India.

The buyers, Kilachand Devchand and Company of Bombay paid 116,013,000 yen for the 3,358 ton Kosho Maru and 121,608,000 yen for the 3,222 ton Konei Maru.

This is the first contract of its kind since Japan's surrender.

RETURN TRIESTE TO ITALY

Anglo-American Zone Commander's Plea

TRIESTE, March 22 (PTI-Reuter): Major-General T. S. Airey, Commander of the British and American controlled zone here, urged today in his quarterly report that the free territory of Trieste should be returned as soon as possible to Italy

His report came as observers forecast that the Yugoslavs might attempt to annex their zone after elections due there in three weeks

"The restitution of the free territory to Italy in the shortest time possible is the sole method of solving the Trieste problem in a just satisfactory manner." General Airey said.

He said that foreign trade in Trieste during 1949 had reached an all time record.

Workers Resent Leopold's Return

BRUSSELS, March 23. (PTI-Reuter): Belgium's Privy Council of 38 elder statesmen, last assembled on the eve of war in 1914, met today to cope with the enmity between Flanders and Wallonia over the return of King Leopold to the throne.

As the councillors assembled in a room in Brussel's royal palace more than 350,000 workers threatened to join in a 24-hour strike tomorrow as a "warning' against any attempt by parliament to bring the King back from his provisional exile in Switzerland.

TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH CZECHS

Talks In Prague

PRAGUE, March 23 (PTI-Reuter): Indian and Czechoslovak experts today got down to detailed discussion of a new trade agreement.

Talks began yesterday on the new agreement, which is to replace the present one expiring on March 31.

No figures have been made public since September, but an Indian Embassy spokesman said today that both sides considered the agreement had on the whole worked out satisfactorily.

"The new agreement now under negotiation will be based on the experience gained in the working of the old agreement", the spokesman said.

SHANGHAI BRITISH COUNTRY CLUB

To Be Used For Housing Soviet Officials

HONG KONG, March 22 (PTI-Reuter): The Hammer and Sickle of Communist Russia is likely to fly over the British Country Club at Shanghai soon, according to a foreign report received here.

The building, already inspected and measured by the Russians, will become living quarters for Soviet officials and advisers reprted to have arrived in the city recently.

Many other Shanghai buildings have been taken over for Russian use.

Escaped The Electric Chair

KOSCIUSKO, Mississipi, March 22 (PTI-Reuter): Leon Turner, 38 year-old White slayer of three Negro children, today escaped the electric chair but was sentenced to life imprisonment without hope of parole.

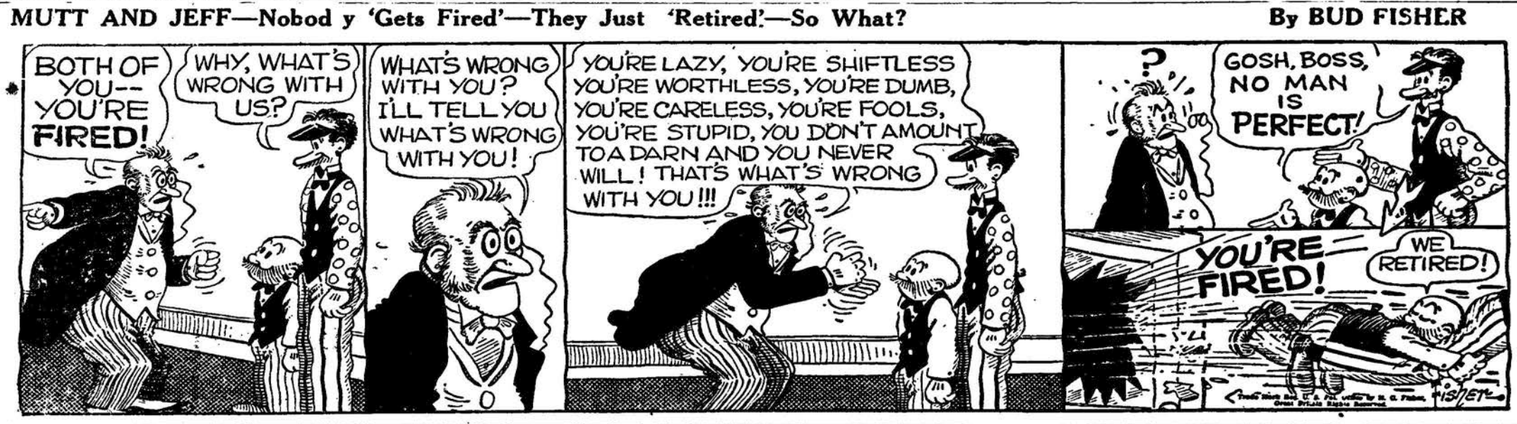
A jury yesterday convicted him of shooting four-year old Neil Harris, but disagreed on punishment, making a life sentence mandatory

Today, Circuit Court Judge C. F. Coleman accepted Turner's guilty plea to killing Mary Burnside, (eight) and Grankie C. Thurvan (twelve).

Swastik Cycling Club

Lt.-Colonel J. D. Kothawala, of Polson Ltd., who presided at the annual meeting of the Swastic Cycling Club at the Brabourne Stadium, addressing the members of the Club. Mrs. Kothawala distributed prizes to the winners. Two new records were set up by Piloo Sarkari of Tata Sports Club on the concluding day.

MUTT AND JEFF—Nobod y 'Gets Fired'—They Just 'Retired'—So What? **By BUD FISHER**


BOTH OF YOU-- YOU'RE FIRED!
WHY, WHAT'S WRONG WITH US?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? I'LL TELL YOU WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU!
YOU'RE LAZY, YOU'RE SHIFTLESS YOU'RE WORTHLESS, YOU'RE DUMB, YOU'RE CARELESS, YOU'RE FOOLS, YOU'RE STUPID, YOU DON'T AMOUNT TO A DARN AND YOU NEVER WILL! THAT'S WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU!!!
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GOSH, BOSS, NO MAN IS PERFECT!
YOU'RE FIRED!
WE RETIRED!

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